

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON  
ORDINANCE # 2022-0823C  
UTILITY RATE ORDINANCE – AUGUST 23, 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, TEXAS TO PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS USING ITS WATER, SEWER AND NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR PARTS THEREOF, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Huntington covenants and agrees with the bond holders to change rates and charges for water, sewer and natural gas services to provide revenues sufficient at all times to pay maintenance and operating expenses, depreciation, principal and interest which will be used to fund special funds created and established for payment and security of the bonds;

**WHEREAS**, the rates will produce net revenues equal to at least 1.25 times the annual principal and interest requirements for bonds so that net revenues which are pledged for payment of the principal and interest are sufficient to cover those pledges;

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant increase in the cost of goods and services, and in order to maintain responsible business and management policies, rates for water, sewer and natural gas will change to the following:

All multiple units will be charged a minimum bill for water and sewer for each unit, as well as a residential rate on water, regardless of the number of water and sewer taps they have.

**Water Rates**

<u>Type of Water Service</u>	<u>Minimum w/o Usage</u>	<u>Cost PTG</u>
Inside Residential	\$25.50	\$4.81
Outside Residential	\$47.00	\$4.96
Inside Commercial	\$34.00	\$4.81
Outside Commercial	\$40.00	\$4.96
School District	\$70.00	\$4.67
Impact Fee (1-time fee)	\$500.00	

### Sewer Rates

<u>Type of Sewer Service</u>	<u>Flat Rate</u>	<u>Commercial &amp; School Rate After first 9,000 gallons</u>
Inside Residential	\$40.00	N/A
Outside Residential	\$64.00	N/A
Inside Residential – over 65*	\$29.00	N/A
Outside Residential – over 65*	\$47.00	N/A
Inside Commercial	\$53.00	\$4.38
Outside Commercial	\$109.00	\$4.38
School District	\$98.00	\$4.38
Impact Fee (1-time fee)	\$500.00	

\*The senior citizen discount will be allowed on those accounts upon which it has already been applied; however, going forward the discounted rate will no longer be available.

### Natural Gas Rates

<u>Type of Natural Gas Service</u>	<u>Minimum w/o Usage</u>	<u>Per 1000 CF + Cost of Gas</u>
Inside Residential	\$18.00	\$4.48
Outside Residential	\$21.00	\$4.48
Inside Commercial	\$26.00	\$4.48
Outside Commercial	\$28.00	\$4.48
Large Commercial	\$32.00	\$4.29
School District	\$29.00	\$4.48
Impact Fee (1-time fee)	\$500	

The cost of gas will be determined each month based on the invoice from the City's natural gas supplier.

**WHEREAS**, all industrial users (defined as using above 600 MCF of natural gas in a year) will be charged on a basis to be negotiated by the City Administrator and approved by the City Council. Generally, the intent will be for the City of Huntington to charge a fair amount per MCF more than the City pays for gas. However, factors such as the amount of gas used, the availability of capacity in the existing lines and the availability of gas supply will be taken into consideration in establishing the rates.

### Garbage Rates

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Once Weekly Pickup</u>
Residential	\$18.00
Residential – Over 65	\$17.00

### Tap Fees

<u>Type of Tap</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Water Tap – Standard Size w/o Road Bore	\$750.00
Water Tap – Standard Size w/Road Bore	\$750.00 + CAP for bore
Sewer Tap – w/o Road Bore	\$750.00
Sewer Tap – w/Road Bore	\$750.00 + CAP for bore
Gas Tap – w/o Road Bore	\$750.00
Gas Tap – w/Road Bore	\$750.00 + CAP for bore

**Cost of any meter installed will be charged in addition to tap fee.**

(CAP = Contractor's Agreed Price)

Sewer taps must tie into manholes. For commercial and subdivision development, if no manhole exists the customer will bear all the associated expense for installation of a new manhole.

### Outside City Limits Sewer Connections

The customer will be responsible to make application for sewer services and will provide a map and plat of the property. The application will be given to the Public Works Superintendent to determine the need and if service is available. The sewer main must be adjacent to the property and must have adequate capacity in order for the sewer connection to be approved and connected. The City will not extend any of its main lines in order to connect an outside customer to sanitary sewer. If a customer wants the City to extend sewer mains, the project must be presented to the City Council on the agenda of a scheduled meeting for approval. If approved, the deposit and connection fee shall be paid in advance. The tap fee for a four-inch tap will be \$750.00 and shall also include the contractor's price for a road bore should such be necessary. Upon notification of the total cost of the project, and if the customer agrees to have the project completed, all fees shall be paid in advance of a work order being created. At any such time as the City



shall require a contractor's help in installation of any tap, the customer shall be responsible for the entire cost.

**Miscellaneous Fees**

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Cost to Customer</u>
Returned Check Fee	\$50.00
Water Service Inspection	\$40.00
Connect Fee – per utility	\$40.00
Reconnect Fee – per utility	\$50.00
After Hours Reconnect Fee – per utility	\$100.00

**Deposits for City Utilities**

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Price</u>
Water / Sewer	Renter	\$175.00
	Homeowner	\$100.00
	Commercial	\$225.00
	Large Commercial	\$500.00
Sewer Only	All Customers	\$150.00
Natural Gas	Renter	\$175.00
	Homeowner	\$100.00
	Commercial	\$225.00
	Large Commercial	\$500.00

Residential Apartments with master meters - \$50 per unit – owner pays

Mobile Home Parks with master meters - \$50 per unit – owner pays

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATE CHANGE - OCTOBER, 2022 BILLING.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON,  
TEXAS ON THIS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

Attest:   
Julie Davis, City Secretary

  
Todd Ricks, Mayor

