



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on February 7, 2024, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 24-04  
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114, ARTICLE III, WATER, OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES IN FEES CHARGED

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Government operates and maintains a gas and water utility system for residential, commercial, and industrial users; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Gas and Water Distribution System is a revenue generated based division, which collects no sales taxes or millages for its operations and, therefore, needs to operate as efficiently as possible and within a profit margin needed to maintain and undertake necessary system improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council that Chapter 114 of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A hereto and made a part thereof.

BE IT, FURTHER, ORDAINED, BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL, that the Office of the Parish President is hereby authorized to incorporate these rate revisions into the Gas & Water Distribution System budget at such time that these rates and changes are effective.

NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex, 2631 Hwy 20, Vacherie, LA at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/ Ryan Louque  
Chairman

s/Linda Hubbell  
Secretary

*Note: St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.*

Exhibit A

Chapter 114, Article III, Water, Section 114-47, Paragraph (a), (b), (c), and (d) of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with:

- (a) The basic charges for tapping fees shall be as follows:  
5/8inch & 3/4inch.....1,000.00  
1inch.....1,500.00  
2inches..... 2,500.00  
4inches.....3,000.00  
6inches.....4,500.00  
8inches.....5,000.00  
Fire hydrant meter hookup.....100.00
- (b) If cost of tap is greater than tapping fees listed, tap shall be the tapping fee plus actual material, equipment, and labor for water service connection.
- (c) The basic charges for clerical connections shall be \$50.00. The fee for clerical reconnection of services due to nonpayment shall be \$25.00. The fee for reconnection of removed meter dude to nonpayment shall be \$50.00. The fee for nonsufficient funds (NSF checks) shall be \$30.00.
- (d) Rate for non-potable water shall be \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons, \$15.00 minimum.

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- (e) Any person found making illegal connections, unauthorized water tapplings, or having unauthorized service shall be fined not less than \$400.00 nor more than \$500.00, or imprisoned for a term not exceeding 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment within the discretion of the court, plus any water consumption as calculated by the parish utilities.
- (f) Any person allowing unauthorized dual service, allowing other persons to illegally obtain water through his meters shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200.00, have his services disconnected, and be subject to all reconnect and deposit charges established by this chapter.

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