



# 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 July 17, 2024, and laid over for publication of notice:

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE 24-17 ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 ARTICLE III, WATER, OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLEARLY DEFINE AND CATEGORIZE WATER TAPPING FEES, INSTALLATION CHARGES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CHARGED BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH WATER DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 TO MEET HE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF POTABLE WATER**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Government operates and maintains a natural gas and water utility system for residential, commercial, and industrial consumers within St. James Parish, Louisiana,

WHEREAS, the utilities division of St. James Parish Government is considered an enterprise resource organization and taxes or millages do not exist to support its funding; and,

WHEREAS, the costs of operating and maintaining the St. James Parish gas and water utility system is funded solely by fees collected for products and services provided to consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the costs of installing new, or upgrading existing water services continue to increase due to inflation, increased maintenance costs, and system upgrades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL, that Chapter 114, Article III, Water, Section 114-26, Water Tap Fees, Meter Deposits, and Penalties Established; Paragraph (c) and (d) of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with Exhibit A, attached hereto:

<b>Todd Poche</b>	<b>Courtney Long</b>	<b>Ryan Louque</b>	<b>Neal Poche</b>	<b>Anthony Jasmin</b>	<b>Vondra Steib</b>	<b>Donald Nash</b>
District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7

EXHIBIT A

- (a) The fees for water meter deposits shall be a follows:

5/8 inch and ¾ inch

\$65

1 inch

\$100

2 inches

\$200

3 inches

\$300

4 inches

\$400

Fire hydrant meter hookup

\$100
- (b) The charges for tapping fees shall be as follows:

5/8inch & 3/4inch

\$1,000

1inch

\$1,500

2inches

\$2,500

4inches

\$3,000

6inches

\$4,000

8inches

\$5,000

Fire hydrant meter hookup

\$100
- (c) If the cost of a tap is greater than the tapping fees listed above, the cost shall be the tapping fee plus the actual material, equipment, and labor costs for water service connections
- (d) Administrative and clerical charges for utility connections shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (e) Administrative and clerical reconnection fees for services disconnected due to nonpayment shall be twenty-five (\$25.00).
- (f) The fee for the installation and reconnection of removed meter due to nonpayment shall be fifty dollars \$50.00
- (g) The fee for nonsufficient funds (NSF checks) shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00).
- (h) Rate for non-potable water shall be \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons, with a \$15.00 minimum.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN** that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent, and on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse Annex, 2631 Hwy 20, Vacherie, 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.*

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