

PASSED

The following ordinance which was previously introduced at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July 2024, a summary thereof having been published in the official journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on a motion offed by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman N. Poche:

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 THE 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:

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Etienne-Steib, Jasmin, Nash, T. Poche, N. Poche, Long, and Louque
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

And, the ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of August 2024.



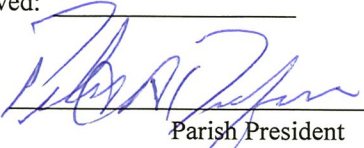
Council Chairman


Secretary

Delivered to Parish President: 08-21-2024

Approved: 8-21-2024


Disapproved: _____



Parish President

Returned to Secretary on 08-21-2024

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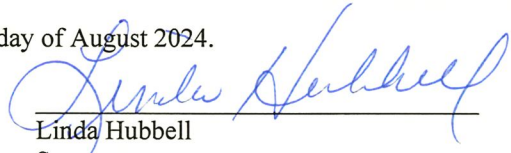
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CERTIFICATE

I, Linda Hubbell, Secretary of the Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the St. James Parish Council in regular meeting held on the 21st day of August 2024.

Signed at Vacherie, Louisiana, this 22nd day of August 2024.


Linda Hubbell

Secretary

(S E A L)

EXHIBIT A

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