

ORINANCE NO. 248

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEWER ORDINANCE NO. 139  
ESTABLISHING A SEWER SERVICE CHARGE SYSTEM  
FOR THE CITY OF BRHAHAM

Article I, Sec. 32 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32           “Equivalent Connection” – For the recovery of debt services and fixed Fees, equivalent connections shall be based upon the Standard Equivalent Connections Charge Units of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission.

Article III, Sec. 4, A is amended to read as follows:

Section 4.       A. Calculating Billable Flows and Loadings.

The billable amount of flow will be calculated from the volume of metered water usage. Billable flow shall be equal to the monthly water usage measured throughout the year.

To avoid a sewer charge on water used for irrigation purposes from April 15 through October 14 of each year, the irrigation water must be metered with a 2<sup>nd</sup> meter. This includes outside sprinkler systems. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meter must be installed *after* the main meter, as a deduct meter, and can either be hard-plumbed on the inside of the property or a portable meter on the outside of the property. 2<sup>nd</sup> meters shall be purchased and owned by the owner. The property owner is responsible for reading the 2<sup>nd</sup> meter, along with the main meter, and submitting the readings to the City before the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month. No sewer adjustment will be issued on the billing without the reading submitted by the 14<sup>th</sup>. All owners of 2<sup>nd</sup> meters are required to contact City Hall to schedule a time for the City to get a beginning reading by April 15 and a final reading for the season by October 14 of each year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meter. Customers who do not contact City Hall to make this appointment will be charged a \$20 reading fee for the City to *attempt to* obtain a reading without an appointment. The City assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged meters.

Portable meters, and sewer adjustments on portable meters, shall be available each year from April 15 through October 14. The property owner shall pay all costs associated with the portable meter. The property owners must sign up and pre-pay for a portable meter, allowing time for the City to order the meter.

Article V, Sec. 4 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4 Bills for Sewer Service Charges shall be rendered on a monthly basis succeeding the period for which the service was rendered and shall be due 15 days from the date of rendering. Any bills not paid in full 30 days from the billing date will be considered delinquent. At that time the City shall notify the delinquent owner/occupant in writing regarding the delinquent bill and subsequent penalty. The penalty shall be computed as \$10.00 or 10%, whichever is higher, of the delinquent amount; and shall be increased \$10 or 10%, whichever is higher, for every month the bill is outstanding.

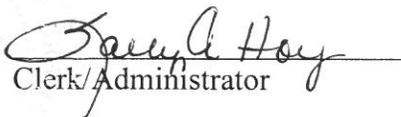
Article VI, Sec. 1 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1 Each and every sewer service charge levied by and pursuant to this Ordinance is hereby made a lien upon the lot or premises served, and all such charges which are past due and delinquent on September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, shall be certified to the County Auditor as taxes or assessments on the real estate. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held or construed as in any way stopping or interfering with the right of the City to levy as taxes or assessments against any premises affected any delinquent or past due sewer service charges.

Ordinance No. 219 is hereby repealed.

Adopted by the Braham City Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006.

  
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Mayor

Attest:   
Clerk/Administrator