



To: City Council

From: Michael Barrera, City Manager

Date August 24, 2023

Re: **SECOND READING - Ordinance #O-23-08-09, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MATHIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR WATER AND SEWER TAPS, PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVISIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**Caption**

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**Purpose: SECOND READING**

This ordinance will replace the current fee schedule used for providing water and sewer taps to the community.

**Background**

A review of our current fees charged for water and sewer taps reveals the fees do not cover our costs of completing the work. The fees are outdated and need to be updated. The attached fee schedule has been developed by staff to adequately reimburse the City for the costs associated with providing the services. Recognizing the increases are significant, a payment plan to pay the tap fees off over time is included in the ordinance language.

Enclosure: Ordinance #O-23-08-09  
Fee Schedule

## CITY OF MATHIS

### Water and Sewer Tap Fee Ordinance #O-23-08-09

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**WHEREAS**, the costs assessed for Water and Sewer Services have increased over the years, and

**WHEREAS** the fees associated with providing Water and Sewer Tap Services should cover the costs for providing those services, including all labor and material costs, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to update the fees associated with providing Water and Sewer Taps within the City of Mathis, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance seeks to assess fees for providing Water and Sewer Tap Services at a fair and reasonable rate within the City of Mathis, Texas

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MATHIS, TEXAS THAT**

#### **Part 1. Fee schedule**

The City Council of the City of Mathis adopts the attached fees for providing Water and Sewer Taps and hereby repeals all earlier ordinances which have adopted fee schedules for providing Water and Sewer Taps.

#### **Part 2. Payment Plan**

The City Council approves a payment plan that will allow a utility applicant, at his or her request, to pay off the tap fees over time, not to exceed 6 months, with the payments divided out equally over the payment period. The utility applicant will be required to stay current on their regular monthly bill and also pay the monthly tap fee payment as required.

#### **Part 3. Fee changes**

The City Council may from time-to-time change the respective fees listed on the attached fee schedule as circumstances and conditions dictate.

**Part 4. Invalidity**

It is the intent of the governing body that every word, phrase, sentence, clause and paragraph of this ordinance shall be considered separable and if any of which is judged to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then all remaining words, sentences, phrases, clauses and paragraphs will remain valid and in full effect as if originally enacted without the inclusion of such invalid or unconstitutional provision.

**Part 5: Conflicts**

Any provision of any previously enacted ordinance found to be in conflict herewith is expressly repealed to the extent that such conflict exists.

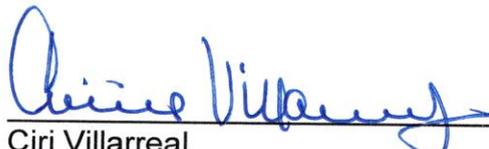
**Part 6: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

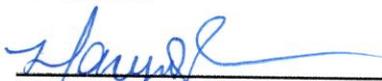
First reading was accomplished at a City Council meeting held on August 21, 2023, the second and final reading was held on August 28, 2023.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MATHIS, TEXAS THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2023.**

**CITY OF MATHIS, TEXAS**

  
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Ciri Villarreal  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mary A. Gonzales  
City Secretary

City of Mathis  
 Water and Sewer Tap Fees  
 Ordinance No. O-23-08-09  
 1st Reading - August 21, 2023  
 2nd Reading - August 28, 2023

	Current Fees	New Fees Effective 10/1/23
¾ inch water tap inside City Limits	\$550	\$1,650
¾ inch water tap outside City Limits	<del>\$850</del>	\$1,950
1 inch water tap and above inside City Limits	<del>\$675</del>	\$1,750
1 inch water tap and above outside City Limits	\$1,012	\$2,050
4-inch sewer tap and above inside City Limits	<del>\$325</del>	\$1,200
4-inch sewer tap and above outside City Limits	\$487	\$1,400