

ORDINANCE NO. 106

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SERVICE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE; PROVIDING THE TERMS OF PAYMENT AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; RELATING TO CASH DEPOSITS REQUIRED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO THE CITY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR RECONNECTING WITHOUT PERMISSION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Port St. Joe shall charge and collect from consumers of water furnished by the City and within the corporate limits of the City, the following rates, to wit:

Flat rate per 1,000 gallons for all water sold: \$1.00

Provided that a minimum charge for all consumers of water shall be \$3.00 per month.

Section 2. The City of Port St. Joe shall charge and collect for each sewer connection to the sewer line within the corporate limits of the City of Port St. Joe the following rates, to wit:

80% of the amount of the charge for water made to such consumer during the same month.

Provided that a minimum charge for all sewer connections shall be \$2.40 per month.

Section 3. Before service of water and/or sewerage shall be installed or furnished by the City, the person, firm or corporation desiring such service shall make written application to the City Auditor and Clerk for the service desired, and shall deposit with the City Treasurer the sum of Twenty five (\$25.00) Dollars; provided that in case of larger consumers, where the monthly consumption and the established rate will be likely to exceed the sum of \$25.00, the amount of the deposit to be required shall be such a sum as in the judgment of the City Auditor and Clerk will be adequate to protect the City against loss.

Upon receipt of the deposit herein provided for, the City Treasurer shall issue receipt to the party paying the sum. All deposits made under the provisions of this Section will be refunded on demand whenever the service is discontinued and all accrued bills for service have been paid. Any person, firm or corporation changing residence or business location may withdraw any deposit made for service at such place, but before service is again furnished such person, firm or corporation at a new location, written request therefor, and deposit, must be made for service at such new location, as herein provided for.

There shall be a service charge of one (\$1.00) Dollar for each service connection and for transferring utility account from the name of one person to the name of another, which shall be paid before service connection is made or account changed; provided that there shall be no service connection is made for which a tapping fee is paid.

Section 4. No water or sewerage tap shall be made in the City where such service is desired unless arrangement is made by the person desiring the service to pay the cost of installing such service as follows:

All water taps up to 1 inch: \$150.00  
All water taps over 1 inch: \$125.00 plus actual cost of water meter  
Sewer taps: Actual cost of labor and materials, with a \$150.00 minimum.  
Locate and uncover existing sewer tap: \$20.00

provided that all taps and the running of all pipes from the curb shall be installed by the City of Port St. Joe at the cost of the person desiring the service; provided that in the case of apartment houses there may be one tap in the man and sub taps by the sidewalk and curb, according to the number of consumers, and in case of installation of more than one meter, separate accounts shall be charged and rendered for service for each meter.

Section 5. Any person who connects or attempts to connect water service or tampers with the water meter after the water service has been disconnected for failure to pay a water bill, without paying all charges then due the City for arrearages in water charges, shall be punished as provided in Section 1-8 of the City Code of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida.

Section 6. Ordinances No. 91, No. 95, and No. 100 and any and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

This Ordinance INTRODUCED at its regular meeting on August 7, 1979, by the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida.

Attest:  
/s/ C. W. Brock  
City Auditor/Clerk

By: /s/ Frank Pate  
Mayor-Commissioner