

CITY OF WALKER

ORDINANCE: 02-2021-02

DATE: February 8, 2021

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the following ordinance was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ENACT  
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WALKER,  
LOUISIANA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL,  
ARTICLE II, GAS, ARTICLE III, SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL,  
ARTICLE IV, WATER, SECTIONS 19-2, 19-3, 19-113, 19-114, 19-115, 19-116,  
19-117 RELATIVE TO POTABLE WATER FEES  
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, The City of Walker hereby amends **CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, ARTICLE II - GAS, ARTICLE IV, WATER, SECTION 19-2, 19-3, 19-113, 19-114, 19-115, 19-116, 19-117 RELATIVE TO POTABLE WATER FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS** as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Walker, in legal session convened, that:

**SEC 19-2. – Tap Fees shall be removed.**

**SEC 19-3. – Road Bore or Cut Fees shall be removed.**

**SEC 19-113. – Water Connection Fees Shall be added as follows:**

- A. Charges for water service taps and supplying of water service lines, and metering equipment, shall be as follows:

Service Connection	In-City Limits Fees	Outside-City Limits Fees
3/4 in. Water Line Tap and Meter	\$1,040.00	\$1,190.00
1 in. Water Line Tap and Meter	\$1,150.00	\$1,290.00
1 1/2 in. Water Line Tap and Meter	\$2,150.00	\$2,290.00
2 in. Water Line Tap and Meter	\$2,150.00	\$2,290.00
3 in. Water Line Tap and Meter	\$3,300.00	\$3,520.00
> 3 in. Water Line Tap and Meter	Varies	Varies

1. 3/4" service fee listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee \$320.00 for 3/4" service.
  - b) 3/4" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$270.00 for locations currently within City limits.
  - c) 3/4" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$420.00 for locations outside current City limits.
  - d) 3/4" water meters shall be provided by the city at a cost of \$450.00 or at City's current purchase rate per meter.
2. 1" service listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee \$420.00 for 1" service.
  - b) 1" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$280.00 for locations currently within City limits.
  - c) 1" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$420.00 for locations outside current City limits.
  - d) 1" water meters shall be provided by the City at a cost of \$450.00 or at City's current purchase rate per meter.
3. 1 1/2" service listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee \$1,000.00 for 1 1/2" service.
  - b) 1 1/2" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$300.00 for locations currently within City limits.
  - c) 1 1/2" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$440.00 for locations outside current City limits.
  - d) 1 1/2" water meters shall be provided by the City at a cost of \$850.00 or at City's current purchase rate per meter.
4. 2" service listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee \$1,000.00 for 2" service.
  - b) 2" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$300.00 for locations currently within City limits.
  - c) 2" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$440.00 for locations outside current City limits.
  - d) 2" water meters shall be provided by the City at a cost of \$850.00 or at City's current purchase rate per meter.
5. 3" service listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee \$1,300.00 for 3" service.
  - b) 3" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$400.00 for locations currently within City limits.
  - c) 3" service line from tap to meter location at property line and necessary labor \$620.00 for locations outside current City limits.
  - d) 3" water meters shall be provided by the City at a cost of \$1600.00 or at City's current purchase rate per meter.
6. >3" Service listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee for service lines greater than 3" are to be negotiated with the City prior to installation.

- b) Meters larger than 3” will be provided by the City and installed at the negotiated value.
- c) The cost for any required roadway crossings for proposed water lines greater than 3” are to be negotiated with the City prior to installation.

7. Industrial Service:

- a) Base tap fee and necessary service line will be negotiated with the City prior to installation.
- b) Necessary meter needed to provide service will be provided at the current City purchase price.

B. Additional service improvements:

- 1. Any additional service line needed outside of the existing right of way, in order to connect to a meter, shall be the actual cost of installing the service line. A price will be quoted upon request. Additionally, a minimum 5-foot (5’) utility servitude along the installed service line will be donated to the City in order to properly maintain the line and monitor service.
- 2. Any major improvements that extend the service of the existing water supply system will require negotiation and approval from the City prior to any construction. Any proposed improvements shall conform to all required design measures.

C. Effective April 2021 with the billing of cycle 1 and each succeeding fiscal year thereafter effective July 1 with the billing of cycle 1 the above charges listed in section 19-129 shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the fiscal year cost of operations, as reflected by fluctuations based on United States Department of Labor — Bureau of Labor Statistics published consumer price index (CPI) unadjusted indexes for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. City average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (all items). The rate modification month shall be April. CPI increase is computed by comparing the current month of April with the prior month of April index for all items. The CPI index change is converted to a percentage by dividing the CPI index change by the prior April CPI index. This is the percentage increase (rounded to two decimal places).

**Section 19-114 shall be added as follows:**

A. The City Council finds, determines, and declares that:

- 1. The City of Walker’s utility department is tasked with maintaining and improving its water facilities in order to meet current standards of public health if new development is to be accommodated without decreasing its existing conditions.
- 2. The creation of an impact fee is a preferred method to ensure new development bears a proportionate share of the cost for any necessary improvements generated by new connections to the existing potable water system.
- 3. The fees established in section 19-116 are derived from and based upon the cost to provide additional water facilities necessitated by connections to the existing potable water system.

**Section 19-115 shall be added as follows:**

A. After the effective date of this ordinance any person in either the incorporated or unincorporated areas served by the City's water system who:

- 1. Has or constructs subdivision improvements which are to be connected to the water system and are accepted for maintenance by the City;
- 2. Connects to the water system; or
- 3. Changes that modify, alter, or expand the use of an existing connection to the existing water system.

is hereby required to pay a water facilities impact fee in the manner and amount set forth in this article.

**Sec. 19-116 - Impact Fees shall be added as follows:**

A. The amount of the water facilities impact fee shall be determined by the following:

Water Impact Fees	In-City Limits Fees	Outside-City Limit Fees
Residential & Commercial	\$ 300 per Address/Unit	\$ 300 per Address/Unit
Subdivision	\$ 300 per Lot	\$ 300 per Lot
Industrial	Varies	Varies

- B. In the case of change, modification, or expansion of use of an existing connection to the water system, the impact fee shall be determined by the City based upon the net increase in the size of the meter for the new connection over the size of the meter for the previous connection.
- C. For developments larger than 50 lots, the City may enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, at their discretion, with the development to provide an impact fee equivalent, proportional to the improvements needed to provide service to the new development. This price will be quoted by the City and may act in lieu of the Impact Fee at the City's discretion.
- D. Effective April 2021 with the billing of cycle 1 and each succeeding fiscal year thereafter effective July 1 with the billing of cycle the above charges in section 19-116 shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the fiscal year cost of operations, as reflected by fluctuations based on United States Department of Labor — Bureau of Labor Statistics published consumer price index (CPI) unadjusted indexes for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. City average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (all items). The rate modification month shall be April. CPI increase is computed by comparing the current month of April with the prior month of April index for all items. The CPI index change is converted to a percentage by dividing the CPI index change by the prior April CPI index. This is the percentage increase (rounded to two decimal places).

**Section 19-117 shall be added as follows:**

- A. The feepayer shall pay the water facilities impact fee required by this article to the City as follows:
  - 1. The water facilities impact fee shall be paid by the developer of any new development prior to the approval of the final plat.
  - 2. All funds collected shall be properly identified by and promptly transferred for deposit in the water facilities impact fee fund to be held separately and used solely for the purposes maintain, repairing, and improving the existing water system.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Walker, State of Louisiana that **CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, ARTICLE II - GAS, ARTICLE IV, WATER, SECTION 19-2, 19-3, 19-113, 19-114, 19-115, 19-116, 19-117 RELATIVE TO POTABLE WATER FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS** is hereby amended as aforementioned above.

The above and foregoing ordinance was read and adopted, section by section and then submitted to an official vote as a whole, following a public hearing, the vote thereon being as follows:

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2021.

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Mayor James Watson

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted on the 8th day of February by the City Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana, at the regular scheduled meeting at the City Hall, Walker, Louisiana, on said date, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted unanimously in favor thereof and this Ordinance has not been revoked or rescinded.

ATTEST:

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Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk