

**CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH  
ORDINANCE 2008-3**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-7 SETTING WATER TAP FEES, SECURITY DEPOSITS AND OTHER FEES:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JAMAICA BEACH, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Ordinance No. 96-7 is amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 1**

The City shall collect a total fee of thirty dollars (30.00) for each water, sewer, and garbage collection service it establishes.

**Cash Deposit with Application:** A deposit shall be made with the City at the time of making an application for water, sewer, and garbage services, the minimum amount of which shall be as follows:

Residential: \$250.00

Commercial: 3 month estimated average bill

**Section 3-1-2 RATES**

1. **Water Tap Fees:** The water tap fee shall be \$400.00 for residential water tap or connection up to and including a ¾ inch connection to the City's water distribution system, which shall include the meter and meter box and installation thereof. For connections of over ¾ inch, the City will establish tapping charges and water rates by separate order and agreement. No person, other than the properly authorized agents of the City, shall be permitted to tap or make any connection with the mains or distribution pipes of the City's water system or sewer system. No person, other than the properly authorized agents of the City, shall be permitted to make repairs or additions to or alteration in any tap, pipe, cock, or other fixture connected with the service.

**Meter Rechecking and Testing:**

- (1) Should the customer request that the meter be reread within any given month to verify its accuracy, and that the recheck shall indicate that the previous reading or readings were accurate, then the City shall add a charge of thirty dollars (30.00) to that customer's bill for the reread and each subsequent rereading of that customer's meter.
- (2) If a customer requests testing of the meter and that testing indicates that the meter was registering accurately or was registering less water than was actually delivered to the customer, then the City shall assess a charge of thirty dollars (30.00) to that customer's bill for that meter test and each subsequent meter test requested by that customer.

**Section 1 – Voluntary Disconnection of Water Service**

Customers requesting a temporary discontinuance of service of less than 30 days in duration will be charged a fee of \$30.00 on their utility billing.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY** the City Council of the City of Jamaica Beach that the above listed rates and regulations be adopted.

Any order and amendments thereto, heretofore adopted by the Council, providing for water tap fees, security deposits, temporary discontinuance of service, and meter rechecking and testing fees for water and sewer service for customers within the City, is hereby revoked upon the effective date of this ordinance.

The ordinance set out shall become effective immediately. Passed and approved this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

ATTEST:

T. W. White  
CITY SECRETARY

V. Pierson  
VICTOR PIERSON, MAYOR