

ARTICLE 11.400 WATER RATES

Sec. 11.401 Water Rates

The following schedule of monthly rates or charges for services furnished by the City's Waterworks System shall be and such is hereby adopted and established as provided for in the fee schedule found in the appendix of this code. (Ordinance 402, adopted 4/13/98)

Sec. 11.402 When Due; Delinquency

Such rates and charges hereby fixed and prescribed shall be paid by the user to the secretary of the City of Abernathy, Texas, in advance of the 10th day of each month, which shall be the date such rates or charges shall become due and payable; and in any case any user or customer of such service does not pay the amount due by the date the same becomes due and payable, then it is hereby made the duty of the city secretary to add ten per cent (10%) penalty to the amount past due and unpaid.

Sec. 11.403 To Pay For All Water Furnished; Delinquency; Turning Water Off and On

(a) It shall be the obligation of each consumer receiving water from the City of Abernathy to pay for all water furnished, whether same is furnished through one or more water meters to one or more premises. Statements for water furnished shall be based upon water furnished through each meter. In the event of the failure of a consumer to pay for water furnished through any one meter, whereby it is necessary for the city to, disconnect water service to such consumer for failure to pay such charges, then all meters through which water is being furnished to such consumer, whether at one or more locations, shall be disconnected.

(b) If, within seven days from the date the same becomes due, the amount due for water furnished consumer through any meter shall not be paid it will be sufficient notice from the consumer to discontinue service through any meter whatsoever connected with the water service of the City of Abernathy through which water is being furnished such consumer.

(c) Where water service is discontinued as to any consumer, at one or more premises, on account of non-payment for water furnished at one or more premises, water shall not again be furnished consumer at any premises until the full amount delinquent shall have been paid together with all fees and charges herein provided. In such event water service shall not be again furnished consumer until payment in full of all delinquent amounts plus an additional charge as provided for in the fee schedule found in the appendix of this code for turning water back on at each meter disconnected; provided that in the event of the reconnection or turning water back on (where same has been discontinued) by anyone other than a duly authorized employee or agent of the City of Abernathy, Texas, a reconnection and inspection fee as provided for in the fee schedule found in the appendix of this code, as to each such meter shall be paid prior to furnishing water to such consumer again.

(d) In the event that any meter is tampered with by any person other than a duly authorized employee or agent of the City of Abernathy, Texas, the consumer shall pay to the City of Abernathy, Texas, an inspection fee as provided for in the fee schedule found in the appendix of this code.

(e) Where the City of Abernathy has discontinued water service to any consumer, if deemed necessary by the city to remove the meter or meters in order to stop use of water at any one or more locations to which water was furnished, until past due amounts are paid, then in this event an additional charge as provided for in the fee schedule found in the appendix of this code, for each meter for removing and resetting the meter shall be made.

(1974 Code, Chapter 14, Article 3, Section 14-58)

Sec. 11.404 No Free Service to be Allowed

That no free service shall be allowed, and to the extent that the City of Abernathy, Texas, or any of its agencies or instrumentality's avail themselves of the services and facilities provided, they shall pay therefor the same rates and charges herein prescribed. (1974 Code, Chapter 14, Article 3, Section 14-59)