

ORDINANCE NO 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, OKLAHOMA, MODIFYING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE II, SECTION 42-23 ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY TO CHARGE A DISPATCH FEE FOR RE-READING WATER METERS AND CHANGING THE AMOUNT TO RE-READ WATER METERS LISTED IN THE FEE SCHEDULE IN APPENDIX A FROM \$10.00 to \$25.00 DOLLARS REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Commerce, Oklahoma;

Section 1.

The contents of Chapter 42, Article II, Section 42-23 of the Commerce Ordinances, shall be modified and amended as follows:

Sec. 42-23. Service fees, rates and related charges; security deposits.

- a) Fees, services rates and security deposits associated with city utility services shall be as provided in the city fee schedule in Appendix A.
- b) Security deposits shall be paid by the customer to the city before service is connected and will be held until service is discontinued and the service account is closed. When the account is closed, the deposit will be applied to any sums owed to the city for utility services. The remaining balance of the security deposit, if any, will be mailed by the city to the customer if his current address is known. If the customer fails to close the account and provide the city with a current address for refund of the security deposit, any balance due the customer will be held for a period of 90 days from the date service was discontinued. If the balance due the customer remains unclaimed by the customer during such 90-day holding period, the balance of the security deposit shall be automatically forfeited by the customer and shall become the property of the city.
- c) The mayor and council members, during their term of office, and active city employees during continuing employment and until but not after retirement, residing within the city shall be entitled to water service at the minimum water rate. Volunteer staff, including but not limited to, volunteer firefighters, are not considered active employees for purposes of this subsection and any reduction in

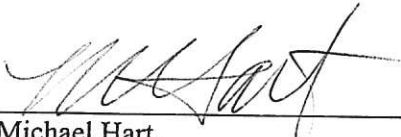
water rates for volunteer staff must be specifically and separately authorized by the city council.

- d) The dispatch fee to re-read a water meter is now set at \$25.00 however, when a water meter is re-read and it indicates less usage than indicated on the billing statement, then no dispatch fee shall be assessed for the re-read;

Section Two: Severability. The invalidity of any provision, clause or portion of this Ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the remainder of this Part or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section Three: Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8 day of May, 2018.



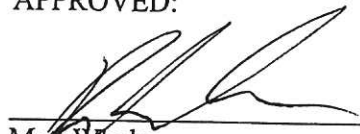
Michael Hart,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Shonna Stovall, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Matt Whalen,
City Attorney