

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 84

An ordinance to provide for uniform water rates to be charged in the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, together with connect and disconnect charges, and other matters in connection therewith; to provide for uniform natural gas rates to be charged in the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, together with connect and disconnect charges, and other matters in connection therewith; to provide for uniform sewer rates, together with connect and disconnect charges, and other matters in connection therewith; and to provide for the imposition of a collection fee for delinquent service charges or user fees when collected through the offset claims program, as authorized by L.R.S. 47:299.1 et seq, and to provide for related matters.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, that this Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. That the following uniform water rate schedule and rules and regulations be and the same are hereby adopted within the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, to-wit:

MONTHLY RATES

WATER RATES

Flat rate - Under 2000 gallons	\$9.40
2000-5000 gallons	0.0025 per gallon
5000-7500 gallons	0.0013 per gallon
7500-10000 gallons	0.0012 per gallon
10000 & above	0.0005 per gallon
Tapping Fee - \$125.00	
Reconnection Fee - \$25.00	

SECTION 2. Water rates herein established shall be charged to each and every customer connected to the water system, and no free water shall be furnished to any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or public body.

SECTION 3. Bills will be rendered promptly to customers for water service and shall be paid within twenty (20) days after the date of billing. If not paid within said twenty (20) day period, a ten per cent (10%) penalty will be added to each bill. If any bill is not paid within thirty (30) days from date of rendition, the Town shall cease to serve the customer until such time as the bill has been paid in full, plus penalty, and any applicable reconnection fee.

SECTION 4. That the following schedule of rates for services rendered by the natural gas distribution system of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana:

MONTHLY RATES

GAS RATES

Flat rate - Under 100 Cubic feet	\$8.25
100-1000 Cubic feet	0.00735 per cubic foot
1001-2000 Cubic feet	0.00715 per cubic foot
2001-3000 Cubic feet	0.00695 per cubic foot
3001-4000 Cubic feet	0.00675 per cubic foot
4001 and above	0.00655 per cubic foot
Tapping Fee	\$150.00
Reconnection Fee	\$25.00

SECTION 5. Natural Gas rates herein established shall be charged to each and every customer connected to the natural gas system, and no free gas shall be furnished to any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or public body.

SECTION 6: Bills will be rendered promptly to customers for natural gas service and shall be paid within twenty (20) days after the date of billing. If not paid within said twenty (20) day period, a ten per cent (10%) penalty will be added to each bill. If any bill is not paid within thirty (30) days from date of rendition, the Town shall cease to serve the customer until such time as the bill has been paid in full, plus penalty, and any applicable reconnection fee.

SECTION 7: Uniform rates for sewer service and rules and regulations be, and the same are hereby, adopted as follows:

MONTHLY RATES

SEWER RATES

Residential:

Flat rate of 2000 gallons water	\$5.50
2001 and above	1.50 per 1000 gallons water

Business:

Flat rate of 2000 gallons water	\$16.50
2001 and above	1.50 per 1000 gallons water
Tapping Fee	\$175.00
Reconnection Fee	\$25.00

SECTION 8: Sewer rates herein established shall be charged to each and every customer connected to the sewer system, and no free sewer service shall be furnished to any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or public body.

SECTION 9: Monthly billings for sewer service shall be made with and as a part of the water system billings and payment for water service shall not be accepted without payment for any sewer service due. Bills will be rendered promptly to customers for sewer service and shall be paid within twenty (20) days after the date of billing. If not paid within said twenty (20) day period, a ten per cent (10%) penalty will be added to each bill. If any bill is not paid within thirty (30) days from date of rendition, the Town

shall cease to serve the customer until such time as the bill has been paid in full, plus penalty, and any applicable reconnection fee.

SECTION 10: All residents within the limits of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, shall be required to connect their premises to the sewer system when construction of the said system, or any additions thereto, has been completed, inspected, accepted and placed in operation. The minimum monthly charge for sewer service will be made to each and every property within the area of the Town of Chatham, Louisiana, beginning thirty (30) days after the said sewer service is made available to the customer at the said customer's property line.

SECTION 11: Service installation for all services included herein for old customers at new locations will be handled as a new connection, however, no charge will be made if service connection at new location exists.

SECTION 12: Application for any service herein shall include a permit from the customer allowing access to the meter, regulator and service line to the official, employees of the Town of Chatham. All lines, regardless of how installed up to and including the meter, shall be the property of the Town of Chatham natural gas system.

SECTION 13: Any charges levied herein which remain unpaid for 180 days past the due date shall be subject to collection through the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical services Bureau Corporation Offset Claims Program. Overdue charges will be offset from the individual income tax refund of the consumer. Should payment be collected through the Offset Claims Program, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged the consumer, in addition to all other charges, interest, and penalties collected. Pursuant to L.R.S. 33:361, the Agreement with the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau Corporation for participation in the Offset Claims Program in the form attached hereto is approved, and the Mayor is authorized to execute it.

SECTION 14: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15: This Ordinance shall become effective on the 9th day of May, 2000. Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 11th day of April, 2000, by Sue Ann Proffer, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion of Marvin Davis, seconded by Sue Ann Proffer, to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 1 ABSTAIN: ABSENT: 1

The foregoing amended ordinance was thereupon declared duly adopted by the
presiding officer and signed by him on the 9th day of May,
2000 and ordered published.


MAYOR


TOWN CLERK