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CHAPTER 9.01 – WATER SYSTEM

9.0101 Service Rates. The City of Timber Lake has authority to set rates by resolution relating to permit fee, deposit fee, meter fee, water system access administrative/maintenance fee, disconnection fee, connection and reconnection fees, cost of water per gallon, debt collection surcharges, and all other water utility charges for service.

9.0102 Rate Assessment. The City of Timber Lake has authority to assess applicable water system charges to its customers utilizing the water utility service.

- A. Each occupied household, business, or structure with accessibility to the water system will be assessed a monthly water system access administrative/maintenance fee and a monthly debt collection surcharge and all applicable service charges. Charges will be assessed if the household, business, or structure is connected to the City water main or not.
- B. Each occupied household, business, or structure connected to the City water main will be assessed a monthly meter fee and all applicable service charges.
- C. Each occupied household, business, or structure connected to the City water main will be assessed a monthly rate for each gallon of water as determined by meter reading and all applicable service charges.
- D. Each unoccupied household, business, or structure with accessibility to the water system will be assessed a monthly water system access administrative/maintenance fee and a monthly debt collection surcharge. Charges will be assessed if the household, business, or structure is connected to the City water main or not.

9.0103 Definitions. The City of Timber Lake shall consider the following definitions in assessing water system charges.

- A. Accessibility: The water main runs adjacent to the property and could be connected.
- B. Occupied: The household, business, or structure at the physical address is being utilized by the property owner. The curb-stop is in the ON position and/or the location is served by a private water well.
- C. Unoccupied: The household, business, or structure at the physical address is vacant, either temporarily or permanently. The curb-stop is in the OFF position and/or the location is served by a private water well.

- D. Multi-Family Dwelling: Multi-family dwellings with one meter serving all units will be charged to the property-owner as service. Multi-family dwellings with a meter for each unit will be charged to the renter and/or property owner as an individual service. This definition includes hotel/motel; commercial lodging locations; and trailer courts; duplex and multi-plex locations; etc.

9.0104 Water Meter Required. No property-owner shall connect or cause to be connected with any main water service pipe for the purpose of obtaining water without having a water meter installed.

The City of Timber Lake will bear the cost of installing the initial water meter. The cost of replacement installations will be charged to the property-owner at a rate sufficient to reimburse the City's cost of the meter system. Exception is when the meter and/or antennae malfunction is determined to be at no fault of the property owner.

9.0105 Property Owner's Responsibility of Water Meter. No property-owner shall have installed a water meter for purpose of measuring water consumption without precautions to protect the water meter. Water meter must be installed in an indoor location or in a meter pit to prevent freezing and breakage for any reason. A designated indoor location or meter pit is required for all new or updated water connections.

It is the property-owner's responsibility to care for and protect the water meter from any damage, defacement, or destruction.

9.0106 Physical Disconnect Required. A physical disconnection is required between City service connection and any other water source for all new or updated water connections.

9.0107 Bulk Water. All bulk water pumped shall be taken from a hydrant designated by the City Maintenance and shall be metered and/or measured under the direct supervision of a City Maintenance employee.

9.0108 Permit Required. A Water System Connection Permit is required for any new connection to the City water main. Said Permit is available at the City Finance Office. Permit must be approved by the City Board prior to connection.

9.0109 Water Connection. The owner of all houses or buildings situated within the City is hereby required to, at the owner's expense, connect such facilities to the City water. The owner is responsible for the maintenance of the water line from the house or building to its connection at the City-owned curb-box.

9.0110 Unauthorized Connection with Water. No person shall without lawful authority, connect or cause to be connected with any main service pipe, any pipe or other device for the purpose of obtaining water there from; nor shall with intent to defraud,

connect or cause to be connected with any meter installed for the purpose of registering the amount of water, or City service supplied to any customer so that such meter will not measure or register the full amount of water supplied to any customer.

9.0111 Water Shut-Off Expense. When the water has been shut off on account of nonpayment of its bills or for violation of any of the rules and regulations of the City, it will not be turned on again until all arrears are paid in full with an additional payment of an amount set by the City Board and on file at the City Finance Office, to cover the expense of shutting off and turning on. If any person from whose premises the water has been shut off for any of the reasons herein provided shall turn the water on or cause the same to be turned on without authority from the City Board, they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor

9.0112 Use of Water Without Meter. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any water from the City except through a meter regularly installed under the provisions of this Ordinance or for any person to turn the water on or off at any curb stop or street valve without the permission of the City Board.

(Source: Ordinance 2023-05-02; effective July 6, 2023)

CHAPTER 9.02 – SEWER SYSTEM

9.0201 Service Rates. The City of Timber Lake has authority to set rates by resolution relating to permit fee, sewer usage fee, sewer system access administrative/maintenance fee, sewer debt surcharge, and all other charges deemed necessary for the City's sewer infrastructure system.

9.0202 Rate Assessment. The City of Timber Lake has authority to assess applicable sewer system charges to its customers utilizing the sewer utility service.

- A. Each occupied household, business, or structure with accessibility to the sewer system will be assessed a monthly sewer use fee, a monthly system access administrative/maintenance fee and a monthly debt collection surcharge and all applicable service charges. Charges will be assessed if the household, business, or structure is connected to the City sewer main.
- B. Each unoccupied household, business, or structure with accessibility to the sewer system will be assessed a monthly sewer system access administrative/maintenance fee and a monthly debt collection surcharge. Charges will be assessed if the household, business, or structure is connected to the City sewer main.

9.0203 Definitions. The City of Timber Lake shall consider the following definitions in assessing sewer system charges.

- A. **Accessibility:** The sewer main runs adjacent to the property and could be connected.
- B. **Occupied:** The household, business, or structure at the physical address is being utilized by the property owner. The water curb-stop is in the ON position.
- C. **Unoccupied:** The household, business, or structure at the physical address is vacant, either temporarily or permanently. The water curb-stop is in the OFF position.
- D. **Multi-Family Dwelling:** Multi-family dwellings with one sewer connection to the sewer main that serves all units will be charged to the property-owner as one service. Multi-family dwellings with a sewer connection to the sewer main that serves each unit will be charged to the renter and/or property owner as an individual service. This definition includes hotel/motel; commercial lodging locations; and trailer courts; duplex and multi-plex locations; etc.
- E. **Multiple Connection:** Households, businesses, and structures having multiple sewer connections to the sewer main at the same physical address will be charged per tap to the sewer main.

9.0204 Sewer Taps. The City of Timber Lake reserves the right to remove any and all protruding and unused taps to the City's sewer main to protect the integrity of the sewer infrastructure.

9.0205 Sewer Connections. The owner of all houses or buildings situated within the City is hereby required to, at the owner's expense, install suitable toilet facilities and to connect such facilities to the City sewer. The owner is responsible for the maintenance of the sewer line from the house or building to its connection to the City sewer main.

It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the City of Timber Lake any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with recommended regulation.

9.0206 Permit Required. A Sewer System Connection Permit is required for any new connection to the City sewer main. Said Permit is available at the City Finance Office. Permit must be approved by the City Board prior to connection.

9.0207 Bulk Sewage. It shall be unlawful to discharge sewage directly into the Timber Lake sewer system. The discharge of sewage into a sewer main via a manhole or directly in the Lagoon is prohibited. (Source: Ordinance #2022-09-02; Effective November 3, 2022)

9.0208 Unauthorized Connection with Sewer. No person shall without lawful authority, connect or cause to be connected with any main service pipe, any pipe or other device for the purpose of obtaining sewer services there from.

9.0209 Sewer Shut-Off Expense. When the sewer has been shut off on account of nonpayment of its bills or for violation of any of the rules and regulations of the City, it will not be turned on again until all arrears are paid in full with an additional payment of an amount set by the City Board and on file at the City Finance Office, to cover the expense or shutting off and turning on. If any person from whose premises the sewer has been shut off for any of the reasons herein provided shall turn the sewer on or cause the same to be turned on without authority from the City Board, they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Source: Ordinance 2023-05-01; effective July 6, 2023)

CHAPTER 9.03 – TAMPERING PROHIBITED

- 9.0301 Destroying Property. No person shall willfully damage, deface, break, destroy or interfere with the property of the City.
- 9.0302 Breaking Seals. No person shall break any seals upon any meter, valve, private fire hydrant, or other fixtures that may be sealed. Provided that the seals on private fire hydrants and private fire protection valves may be broken in case of fire, and when so broken shall be reported to the City within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 9.0306 Penalties. Any person violating any provisions contained within Title 9 shall in addition to the ordinary penalty, be subject to having water and/or sewer service disconnected from the premises of such person, and shall not be restored until there has been full compliance of this Ordinance and the payment of such fees for restoring service as may be provided by this Ordinance.

CHAPTER 9.04 – SANITATION SERVICES & RESTRICTED USE SITE

9.0401 Definitions. The following definitions shall define the terms used in Chapter 9.04

- A. Bulky Items. Large items such as white goods or furniture.
- B. Commercial Solid Waste. Solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, printing shops, service stations, and other non-manufacturing, non-household sources
- C. Garbage. Solid and semisolid putrefiable animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing, serving, and consuming of food or of material intended for use as food, and all offal, excluding useful industrial by-products, from all public and private establishments and from all residences.
- D. Household Waste. Solid waste derived from households, including single and multiple residences, but not waste from commercial activities that is generated, stored, or present in a household.
- E. Rubble. Stone, brick, concrete, or similar inorganic material, excluding ash, waste tires, and asbestos-containing waste materials.
- F. White Goods. Discarded refrigerators, ranges, washers, water heaters, and other similar domestic and commercial appliances.

9.0402 City Garbage Collection. The City of Timber Lake has the authority to set rates by Resolution related to garbage service rates for both commercial and residential garbage services and solid waste disposal at the City's Restricted Use Site (landfill).

Every occupied household and business shall have solid waste services.

Each occupied household will be charged a monthly residential garbage service rate. Churches and places of worship will be charged a monthly residential garbage service rate.

Each business, including apartment dwellings, will be charged a monthly commercial garbage service rate.

Any occupied household or business may contract with a solid waste vendor of their choice. It is the users' responsibility to show proof of contract to the City Finance Officer. Upon receipt of contract, the Finance Office will not charge the household or business the monthly residential or commercial garbage rate for City services.

9.0403 Bagging and Tying of Garbage. All garbage, commercial solid waste, and household waste shall be bagged, and household waste shall be bagged, tied and placed in a suitable container. Suitable containers are those receptacles equipped with a lid to prevent the contents of the containers from being blown out and scattered.

- 9.0404 Removal of Rubble, Bulky Items, and White Goods. Each person and/or business shall remove their own rubble, bulky items, and white goods, provided the rubble, bulky items, and white goods are disposed of in an appropriately permitted facility. At its discretion, the City Board may periodically provide a construction dumpster.
- 9.0405 Load Inspection. All loads taken to the Restricted Use Site will be inspected by a City employee and charged accordingly. All material shall be placed in the appropriate area according to the signs in place. Any illegal dumping, improper placement of rubble, or trespassing shall be fined not less than \$100.