

CITY OF WALKER

ORDINANCE: 02-2021-03

DATE: February 8, 2021

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the following ordinance was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ENACT  
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WALKER,  
LOUISIANA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL,  
ARTICLE III, SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SECTIONS 19-99, 19-  
100, 19-101, 19-102, AND 19-103 SEWER FEES  
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

WHEREAS, The City of Walker hereby amends **CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, ARTICLE III – SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SECTIONS 19-99, 19-100, 19-101, 19-102 AND 19-103 SEWER FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS** as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Walker, in legal session convened, that:

**SEC 19-99. – Sewer Connection Fees Shall be added as follows:**

A. Charges for sewer service taps and supplying of sanitary sewer service shall be as follows:

Sewer Tap and Service Fee	In-City Limits Fees	Outside-City Limit Fees
Residential and Commercial	\$1,100.00	\$1,300.00
Industrial	Varies	Varies

1. Sewer service fee listed above includes:
  - a) Base tap fee of \$500.00 for six-inch service lines.
  - b) Cleanout installed at the properly line and necessary service line connections to tap location, shall be \$600.00.
  - c) For all service connections outside of the city limits, an additional \$200.00 fee shall be added to the base tap fee.
  - d) The fee for installation of tap and service line in excess of six inches shall be the actual cost of making the tap and providing installed service line. A price will be quoted upon request.
  - e) The fee for instillation of tap and service line to service an industrial facility shall be the actual cost of making the tap and providing installed service line. A price will be quoted upon request.

- B. Effective April, 2021 with the billing of cycle 1 and each succeeding fiscal year thereafter effective July 1 with the billing of cycle 1 the above charges in section 19-99 shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the fiscal year cost of operations, as reflected by fluctuations based on United States Department of Labor — Bureau of Labor Statistics published consumer price index (CPI) unadjusted indexes for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (all items). The rate modification month shall be April. CPI increase is computed by comparing the current month of April with the prior month of April index for all items. The CPI index change is converted to a percentage by dividing the CPI index change by the prior April CPI index. This is the percentage increase (rounded to two decimal places).
- C. Application for and payment of all charges for service taps must be made at the utility office located at city hall, a minimum of ten working days prior to need.

**Section 19-100 shall be added as follows:**

- A. The City Council finds, determines, and declares that:
  - 1. The City of Walker’s utility department is tasked with maintaining and improving its wastewater facilities in order to maintain current standards of public health if new development is to be accommodated without decreasing its existing conditions.
  - 2. The creation of an impact fee is a preferred method to ensure new development bears a proportionate share of the cost for any necessary improvements generated by new connections to the existing wastewater system.
  - 3. The fees established in section 19-102 are derived from and based upon the cost to provide additional wastewater facilities necessitated by connections to the existing sewerage system.

**Section 19-101 shall be added as follows:**

- A. After the effective date of this ordinance any person in either the incorporated or unincorporated areas served by the city's wastewater system who:
  - 1. Has or constructs subdivision improvements which are to be connected to the wastewater system and are accepted for maintenance by the city;
  - 2. Connects to the wastewater system; or
  - 3. Changes that modify, alter, or expand the use of an existing connection to the existing wastewater system.

is hereby required to pay a wastewater facilities impact fee in the manner and amount set forth in this article.

**Sec. 19.-102 shall be added as follows:**

- A. The amount of the wastewater facilities impact fee shall be determined by the following:

Sewer Impact Fees	In-City Limits Fees	Outside-City Limit Fees
Residential & Commercial	\$ 1,750.00 per Address/Unit	\$ 1,750.00 per Address/Unit
Subdivision	\$ 1,750.00 per Lot	\$ 1,750.00 per Lot
Industrial	Varies	Varies

- B. In the case of change, modification, or expansion of use of an existing connection to the wastewater system, the impact fee shall be determined by the City based upon the net increase in the size of the meter for the new connection over the size of the meter for the previous connection.

- C. For developments larger than 50 lots, the City may enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, at their discretion, with the development to provide an impact fee equivalent, proportional to the improvements needed to provide service to the new development. This price will be quoted by the City and may act in lieu of the Impact Fee at the City's discretion.
- D. Effective April 2021 with the billing of cycle 1 and each succeeding fiscal year thereafter effective July 1 with the billing of cycle the above charges in section 19-102 shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the fiscal year cost of operations, as reflected by fluctuations based on United States Department of Labor — Bureau of Labor Statistics published consumer price index (CPI) unadjusted indexes for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (all items). The rate modification month shall be April. CPI increase is computed by comparing the current month of April with the prior month of April index for all items. The CPI index change is converted to a percentage by dividing the CPI index change by the prior April CPI index. This is the percentage increase (rounded to two decimal places).

**Section 19-103 shall be added as follows:**

- A. The feepayer shall pay the wastewater facilities impact fee required by this article to the City as follows:
  - 1. The wastewater facilities impact fee shall be paid by the developer of any new development prior to the approval of the final plat.
  - 2. All funds collected shall be properly identified by and promptly transferred for deposit in the wastewater facilities impact fee fund to be held separately and used solely for the purposes maintain, repairing, and improving the existing wastewater system.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of Walker, State of Louisiana that **CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, ARTICLE III – SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SECTIONS 19-99, 19-100, 19-101, 19-102 AND 19-103 SEWER FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS** is hereby amended as aforementioned above.

The above and foregoing ordinance was read and adopted, section by section and then submitted to an official vote as a whole, following a public hearing, the vote thereon being as follows:

Yeas:  
Nays:  
Absent:

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor James Watson

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted on the 8th day of February by the City Council of the City of Walker, Louisiana, at the regular scheduled meeting at the City Hall, Walker, Louisiana, on said date, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted unanimously in favor thereof and this Ordinance has not been revoked or rescinded.

ATTEST:

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Tammy Payton, Municipal Clerk