

ORDINANCE NO. 20-03-16B

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOOKS, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-04-16, PROVIDING THE SUMMER USAGE WASTEWATER DISCOUNT RATE PROGRAM FOR THE CITIZENS OF HOOKS FILLING A SWIMMING POOL, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE, DECLARING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE; DECLARING THAT SHOULD ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE BE INVALID SUCH INVALIDITY WILL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINDER OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CITY OF HOOKS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hooks, Texas has determined that a discount to its residential water customers with swimming pools for said customers wastewater usage during the months of May through September billing periods of each year; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to set forth wastewater rate adjustments in the summer months of May through September for any citizen filling swimming pools; which would mean the wastewater rate would be a lower rate and the water rate would have no adjustment for the water traveled through the meter; and

WHEREAS, it is the citizens responsibility to provide the City Office via phone or in person with the before and after reading of the swimming pool fill prior to a wastewater rate discount being applied; and

WHEREAS, the customers of the water and wastewater systems of the City of Hooks, shall have the ability to obtain a separate water meter for the purpose of watering lawns, if wanted, with no wastewater rates to be charged; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed Ordinance 12-04-16 passed by the City Council of Hooks, Texas on April 16, 2012 and finds that the wastewater rates for only filling a swimming pool should be adjusted in the summer months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOOKS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The summer usage wastewater discount rate program shall be applied to the citizens only filling a swimming pool of the City of Hooks during the months of May through September from this date forward. Should a citizen wish to reduce that citizen's wastewater rates for

watering lawns, a separate water meter, not to be used in conjunction with wastewater service, may be obtained by that citizen from the city. The citizen filling a swimming pool must bring in the before and after readings to receive wastewater rate discount.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed and amended to the extent of such conflict, and all parts not in conflict are to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 10.07 of Chapter 10 of the Hooks City Code as amended.

SECTION 4. In case a section, clause, sentence of part of this Ordinance shall be deemed or adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such invalidity shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED in Regular Council Meeting the 16th day of March 2020.

Jimmy Cochran, Mayor

Attest:

Andria Whitehurst, City Secretary