

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-40, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, PART 4, ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 138 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED RATE SCHEDULE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2018, City council of the City of Vineland adopted Ordinance 2018-37, setting forth the rates and charges to be paid for water service in the City of Vineland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Municipal Utilities has recommended changes to be made regarding the rate schedule, after review of all present charges and costs associated with metered service rates, connection fees and all other charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Vineland finds it to be in the best interest of the City to amend the rate schedule in accordance with recommendations of the Director of Municipal Utilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Chapter 687, Part 4, Article XVIII entitled “Tapping Fees” be amended as follows:

D. Tapping Fees. (1) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

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(1) Tapping, meter and meter pit fees (piping to curb line complete) shall be charged as follows:

<b>Size of Tap (inches)</b>	<b>Fee</b>
5/8”	\$1,980.00
1”	\$1,980.00
1 ½”	\$4,375.00
2”	\$5,195.00

H. Missed Appointment Charge shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

H. Missed Appointment Charge. A charge of \$45.00 shall be debited to the account of a Water-Sewer Utility customer who fails to keep a pre-scheduled appointment for services to be performed or reading to be taken.

Section 138 I Assessment Fee shall be amended by the addition of paragraph (8) as follows:

I. Assessment Fee.

(8) The Water-Sewer Utility reserves the right to have the Customer (Commercial Customers Only) replace their existing water meter with a new Water-Sewer Utility meter at the current market price if the Utility deems the existing meter to be malfunctioning due to age and/or meter equipment failure. Cost of the meter shall be the responsibility of the Customer.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the balance of Ordinance 2017-40, as amended, not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion so determined to be unenforceable, shall be void and the balance hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that should any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent herewith, such Ordinance or portion thereof shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

**Ordinance # 687-138:**

**D. Tapping Fees:**

Cost reductions for 5/8" and 1" taps to reflect removal of the cost of the meter and the remote read module for the meter. The meter is the property of the Water Utility and should not be purchased by the resident.

Cost increase for 1-1/2" and 2" taps to reflect the adder for meter flanges that had not been included in the previous pricing.

(H)—Missed appointment charge increased to \$45.00 to cover the actual cost of a prescheduled appointment that customer fails to cancel or not be available at the appointment time date and time.

Assessment fee: (8)—added language to allow The Water Utility the authority to have a customer replace at the customer expense when a meter is no longer operating correctly.

**Ordinance # 687-96:**

Revision of cost for disconnect and removal of water service for structures to be demolished by Water Utility Personnel to accurately reflect the removal and disconnection cost of the water service removal in a correct manner to eliminate damage to water mains and/or valves.



