

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-002**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VERONA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION G.6(b) OF THE RATE ORDER TO REVISE MONTHLY GALLONAGE CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Verona Special Utility District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas created under the authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and operating pursuant to Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas Water Code; and

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code § 49.212 authorizes the District to adopt and enforce all necessary charges and mandatory fees for providing service or making service available to a customer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District adopted a Rate Order establishing service policies and rates for water utility service provided by the District to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has a fiduciary duty to maintain the operational and financial integrity of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is experiencing historic levels of inflation and the Board finds it fiscally prudent and necessary to increase the monthly Gallonage Charges set forth in Section G.6(b) of the Rate Order to maintain the financial integrity of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VERONA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Findings Incorporated. The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance by reference for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Monthly Gallonage Charge Increase. Section G.6(b) of the Rate Order is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

*(b) Gallonage Charge. In addition to a monthly Base Rate, all customers shall be assessed a Gallonage Charge at the following rates for water usage during any one (1) monthly billing period:*

*0-5,000 gallons . . . . . \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons  
5,001-10,000 gallons . . . \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons  
10,001-15,000 gallons . . \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons  
Over 15,000 gallons . . . \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons*

SECTION 3. Savings/Conflicts. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and any remaining portions of such ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The District hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect at the beginning of the next full billing cycle after giving District customers 30 days notice.

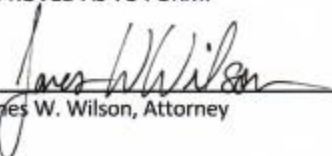
ADOPTED on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Board of Directors of Verona Special Utility District.

  
Nathan McTee, President

ATTEST:

  
Johnny Pat Bratcher, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
James W. Wilson, Attorney