

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VERONA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION E.21(d) OF THE RATE ORDER REGARDING LEAK POLICY CALCULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION G.7 OF THE RATE ORDER TO INCREASE THE LATE PAYMENT FEE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS/REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; 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 authority of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and operating pursuant to Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas Water Code; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the District and its customers to amend Sections E.21(d) and G.7 of the Rate Order in the interest of fairness among all District customers.

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. Amending Leak Adjustment Policy. Section E.21(d) of the Rate Order is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

(d) If the General Manager determines that the customer qualifies for a billing adjustment pursuant to this section, the General Manager will recalculate the bill for up to two consecutive billing periods and charge the customer for the expected monthly volume and one-half (½) of the excess volume at the district's standard rates.

SECTION 3. Amending Late Payment Fee. Section G.7 of the Rate Order is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

*7. **Late Payment Fee.** A one-time penalty of \$20.00 shall be applied to delinquent bills.*

SECTION 4. Savings/Conflicts. All District ordinances shall remain in full force and effect except as amended by this Ordinance or any other ordinance adopted by the Board of Directors.

All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and any remaining portions of such ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.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 5. 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 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon and from its adoption by the Board of Directors.

ADOPTED on the 20th day of August, 2024, by the Board of Directors of Verona Special Utility District.

APPROVED:



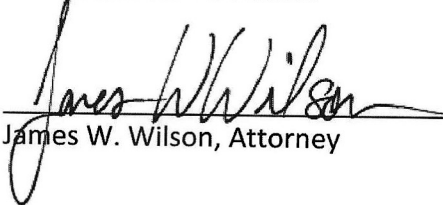
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