ORDINANCE NO. 323

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TIOGA PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES FOR THE CITY OF TIOGA WATER SYSTEM; ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR WATER USAGE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TIOGA; REPEALING ORDINANCE 316; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING REPEALING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tioga has discussed and taken into consideration the fees that will be due to the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District and the rising costs of expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tioga has discussed the impact a rate increase will have on senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tioga has determined that the current rates should be adjusted to account for these fees;

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

SECTION 1
INCORPORATION OF PREMISES

The above and foregoing premises are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2
FINDINGS

After due deliberations the City Council has concluded that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City of Tioga, Texas and of the public health, safety and welfare.

SECTION 3
RATE

1. The rates charged for water and usage of water by the City of Tioga water system to houses, buildings, businesses, institutions, commercial establishments and any other use shall be charges as follows:

   A. Inside the city limits of the City of Tioga

0	-	2,500 gallons	$28.00
2,501	-	15,000 gallons	$ 2.60 per each 1,000 gallons
15,001	-	20,000 gallons	$ 3.10 per each 1,000 gallons
20,001	-	30,000 gallons	$ 3.60 per each 1,000 gallons
30,001	-	50,000 gallons	$ 4.10 per each 1,000 gallons
50,001 gallons and up			$ 4.60 per each 1,000 gallons

B. Outside the city limits of the City of Tioga

0	-	2,500 gallons	$49.25
2,501	-	15,000 gallons	$ 5.20 per each 1,000 gallons
15,001	-	20,000 gallons	$ 6.20 per each 1,000 gallons
20,001	-	30,000 gallons	$ 7.20 per each 1,000 gallons
30,001	-	50,000 gallons	$ 8.20 per each 1,000 gallons
50,001 gallons and up			$ 9.20 per each 1,000 gallons

Section 2. Discount for Senior Citizens

A. Citizens aged sixty-five (65) or greater are eligible for a ten percent (10%) discount on the first 0-2500 gallons of water on their water rates only.
B. In order to qualify for the discount, citizens must fill out a request for the discount and show proof of eligibility.
C. The discount will go into effect on the first water bill after the request is filed with the City.
D. The discount is for residential accounts only.

SECTION 4
AUTHORITY

Authority to enforce this Ordinance shall be vested in the City Secretary or his/her assigns or agents.

SECTION 5
SEVERABILITY

If any Section or part of any Section or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other Section or Sections or part of a Section or paragraph or this Ordinance.

SECTION 6
REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7
PUBLICATION

The City Secretary of the City of Tioga is directed to publish in the official newspaper of the City, the caption, penalty clause, and effective date of this Ordinance as required by law.

SECTION 8
ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT

The City Secretary is hereby directed to engross and enroll this Ordinance by copying the descriptive caption in the minutes of the City Council and by filing this Ordinance in the Ordinance records of the City.

SECTION 9
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage in accordance with law.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tioga, Texas this 8th day of September, 2014.

Craig Jezek
City of Tioga, Texas

ATTEST:

Donna Carney, City Secretary
City of Tioga, Texas