Introduced January 24, 2012, by Councilwoman Harbison, seconded by Councilman Borchert, (by request of Administration)

#### Item No. 12-01-2934

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3643**

An ordinance amending Chapter 28 Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, relative to water tap and water meter rates, fines for damaged meters and meter boxes, as well as the requirements for backflow prevention devices or methods.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to increase the cost for tap and meter fees to cover the cost to the City at present;

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to increase the fines for damaged meters and meter boxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell desires to establish additional requirements for backflow prevention devices or methods.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend Chapter 28 Utilities as follows:

Sec. 28-25 is amended to provide for increased utility connection fees.

## Sec. 28-25. Work done by city in making connections; fee.

Size of Tan

Delete paragraph "(a)" in its entirety and replace with the following:

"(a) The water connection from the system to the property line shall be made by the City at the following rates.

Cost of Tan

Size or rap	Cost of Tap	
3/4"	•••••	\$625.00
1"		725.00
2"		775.00
3"	•••••	1,300.00

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4"	1,700.00
6"	2,000.00
8"	4,000.00
Cost of Meters With Couplings	
Size of Tap Cost of Tap	
3/4"	400.00
1"	600.00
2"	1,100.00
3"	4,400.00
4"	5,400.00
6" U.L. Fireline Meter	10,800.00
8" U.L. Fireline Meter City and is dependent on location"	To be determined by the

Delete paragraph "(b)" in its entirety and replace with the following:

"(b) The sewer connection fee shall be \$850.00, plus a \$60.00 set-up fee."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend Chapter 28 Utilities as follows:

Sec. 28-33 is amended to provide for increased fines for obstruction or damage to meter boxes.

## Sec. 28-33. Tampering with system.

Delete paragraph "(c)" in its entirety and replace with the following:

"(c) Obstruction or damage to meter boxes. Meter boxes are to remain free of obstruction and shall not be damaged. With the approval of the director of finance or the

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director of public operations or designee, damage or obstruction of water meters may cause the resident to be assessed additional charges as follows:

Broken meter tops	\$75.00
Broken valves	75.00
Broken locks	75.00
Broken lens	125.00
Broken radio transmitter register (RTR)	150.00
Oil or foreign material in box	100.00
Cars blocking meter box(24 hours from date and time to clear)	50.00
Trash piled up on meter boxes	50.00
Unauthorized Meter Turn on	150.00
Parking in No Parking Zone	Per City Court"

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 28 Utilities, as follows:

Sec. 28-82 is amended to establish additional requirements for backflow prevention devices or methods.

# Sec. 28-82. Requirements.

## (a) City requirements.

Add new paragraph (7) as follows:

- "(7) The customer shall install only backflow prevention devices or methods approved by the City.
  - a. A double check valve device shall be required for all commercial businesses. A degree of hazard assessment shall be completed by

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the City to determine if a greater degree of protection is required based upon the LSP Code."

### (b) Customer requirements.

Delete paragraph "(6)" in its entirety and replace with the following:

"(6) The customer shall install backflow prevention devices or methods in a manner approved by the City and in conformance with the installation requirements of section 606 of the LSPC, 2000 edition."

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2012.

Kim Harbison

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