

AN ORDINANCE 101685

AUTHORIZING AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE RETURNED CHECK FEE, CONTAINED IN CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS CHAPTER 34, CHARGED BY THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM; AND AMENDING THE CITY CODE ACCORDINGLY.

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 75686, authorized and approved by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas ("City Council") on April 30, 1992, requires that the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (the "Board") determine the rates, fees and charges for services rendered by the San Antonio Water System ("SAWS"); and

WHEREAS, the current returned check fee of \$10.00 has not been adjusted since 1998 and the Board is proposing to increase it to \$30.00; and

WHEREAS, a SAWS survey of other major water utilities indicated that the current fee is well below what other water utilities are currently charging and the City of San Antonio's returned check fee is \$30.00; and

WHEREAS, increasing the fee is expected to bring in an additional \$83,500.00 in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of San Antonio for the City Council to adopt adjustments to the return check charge to provide funds for the necessary costs of operation to ensure the continuation of high quality service that the citizens of San Antonio have come to expect from SAWS; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The adjusted returned check fee charged by SAWS, increasing the rate from \$10.00 to \$30.00, is authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. This rate shall be effective for all SAWS billings on and after January 1, 2006.

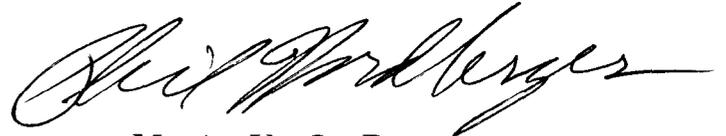
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SECTION 3. The City Code shall be amended in accordance with Attachment I to this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage.

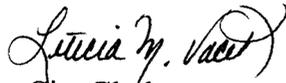
PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2005.



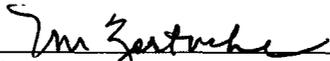
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ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney

ATTACHMENT I

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 34 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE

The City Code of the City of San Antonio Chapter 34, Water and Sewers is hereby amended by deleting the language that is stricken and adding the language that is underlined (added) as set forth herein.

Article I. In General

DIVISION 5. REINSTATEMENT OF SYSTEM SERVICE

Sec. 34-5.02. Other Reinstatement Charges.

Additionally, under certain special conditions or events, the procedures and charges relative to reinstatement of water service are as follows:

- (f) If a customer presents a check or other negotiable instrument in payment of service fees that is not honored by the bank or other financial institution upon which the check or other negotiable instrument is drawn, a service charge of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be added to the amount due the system by the customer; provided, however, that if the instrument is returned by the financial institution because of error on its part, the service charge will not be added.