

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE A13.02 "WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES"; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas conducted a special workshop on water and wastewater on March 24, 2018 to discuss the current state of both utilities; and

WHEREAS, after careful engineering and technical analysis, the City has determined that, due to increased demands resulting from population growth within the City, and age of our infrastructure, the City's wastewater facilities and related infrastructure will not have the capacity to adequately handle the current or future demands for wastewater service placed upon such facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, after a study of the metal thickness of the current wastewater plant, the need to have a design for construction already in process was essential; and

WHEREAS, in order to address these critical needs, City Staff and professional consultants are developing a multi-year program to finance the needed wastewater facility and infrastructure improvements, with the objectives of providing for the health, safety and welfare of Bastrop's citizens, and providing for the orderly and equitable funding of these utility improvements which are necessary for the ongoing and future provision of wastewater services to the citizens of Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas has determined that in order to properly provide wastewater service within the City, it is necessary to amend the City Code of Ordinances Appendix A: Fee Schedule Article A13.02 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges, as noted below.

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

Section 1: That Appendix A: of the Code of Ordinances, entitled Fee Schedule Article A13.02 "Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges", shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE A13.02 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges

Sec. A13.02.002 Wastewater Service Charges

- (a) These rates are applicable to all residential, multifamily and commercial retail wastewater customers within the corporate limits of the city who have metered water connections and to whom city wastewater service has actually been connected, except for customers who have a city approved, on-site sewer system, septic system or other on-site wastewater system, and have not connected to the city's wastewater system, or customers who have a water meter for irrigation use only, as long as the irrigation meter does not provide water to plumbing fixtures.

Minimum Charge: \$36.97

Plus the following charges for consumption per 1,000 gallons:

0–5,000 gallons	\$ 2.45
5,001–10,000 gallons	\$ 2.77
10,001–20,000 gallons	\$ 2.95
20,001–50,000 gallons	\$ 3.18
Over 50,000 gallons	\$ 3.47

Section 2: If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3: That all ordinances, resolutions and orders heretofore passed, adopted and made, or any part of the same, affecting rates and charges for residential and commercial electric rates of the City of Bastrop, which are in conflict with this Ordinance, shall be, and the same are hereby, in all things repealed to the extent that the same conflict with this Ordinance, or with the laws of the State of Texas. All provisions not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4: The changes noted in this Ordinance shall become effective during the first municipal utility billing cycle in November in accordance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of State of Texas.

READ and APPROVED on First Reading on the 25th day of September 2018.


READ and ADOPTED on Second Reading on the 9th day of October 2018.

APPROVED:



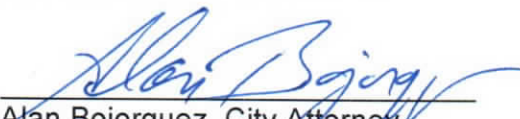
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney