

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF BURNET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 110 (ENTITLED "UTILITIES") BY ADJUSTING THE VOLUMETRIC WATER RATE; MINIMUM WATER RATE CHARGE; AND SEWER CHARGES; MOVING WATER AND SEWER CHARGES FROM CHAPTER 110 TO APPENDIX B (ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE"); PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws and constitution of this state, including Title 13 of the Texas Local Government Code and its vested authority as a home rule municipality the city is the sole purveyor of water and sewer service within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, City Council is vested with the authority to set water and sewer service rates; and

WHEREAS, the volumetric water rate, and minimum water charge rate have not been adjusted since 2011; and

WHEREAS, sewer charges have not been adjusted since 2012; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds, determines, and declares that the aforementioned rates require adjustment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with city policy, City Council deems it appropriate to move water and sewer rates to the Fee Schedule found in Appendix B of the City Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds, determines, and declares that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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

Section One. Appendix Amendment. Appendix B, Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burnet is hereby amended by replacing the existing text with the text set out in Exhibit "A" hereto; and said exhibit is fully incorporated in this Ordinance for all purposes.

Section Two. Rate Adjustment Approved. The new volumetric water rate, minimum water charge rate, and sewer charges established in Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance, are hereby approved.

Section Three. Code Amendment. Chapter 110 (entitled "*Utilities*") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burnet is hereby amended by amending the sections referenced below by replacing the existing text with the text that follows:

Sec. 110-26. Volumetric rate. This rate is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Sec. 110-27. Minimum charge. This charge is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Sec. 110-29. Water connection fees. This fee is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Sec. 110-30. Service outside city limits. This fee is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Sec. 110-34. Computation of water bills. This computation is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Sec. 110-36. Bulk water sales. This fee is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Sec. 110-73. Sewer charges. This charge is established in the Fee Schedule made part of the Code of Ordinances as Appendix B – Article III.

Note to editor: Any section of Chapter 110 not listed above shall remain in full force and effect and this note shall not be made part of the code publication.

Section Four. Code Amendment. Chapter 110 (entitled "*Utilities*") Section 110-28 (entitled "*City water sold at premises with water meters*") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burnet is hereby amended by replacing the existing text in subsection (6) in its entirety with the following:

- (6) *Two or more connections; master metered.* Upon the approval of the city manager, two or more units may be served through a master meter under the following conditions: For each and every unit so served, a minimum rate for a 5/8" meter will be charged in accordance with the current rate structure. Water usage will be charged in accordance with the current rate structure. The provisions for minimum charges set out in [section 110-27](#) shall not apply when such units are master metered.

Note to editor: Sec. 11-28 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) are not subject to amendment and shall remain in full force and effect and this note shall not be made part of the code publication.

Section Five. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Council.

Section Six. Cumulative. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of all ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinances, in which event Section 6, (entitled "Repealer") shall be controlling.

Section Seven. Repealer. All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section Eight. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section Nine. Publication. The publishers of the City Code are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors, and format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing Code.

Section Ten. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of final adoption hereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 27th day of May 2025.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

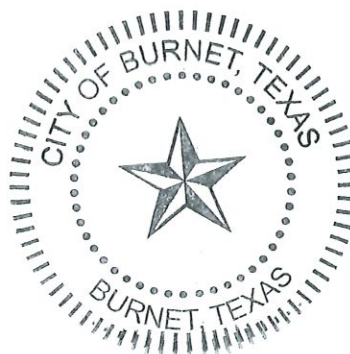


Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Maria Gonzales, City Secretary



ARTICLE III. - WATER, WASTEWATER AND ELECTRIC UTILITY FEES.

Reserved Sec. B3-01 – Sec. B3-10

Sec. B3-11. Volumetric rate.

The volumetric rate is defined as the rate charged per 1,000 gallons of water metered in any given billing period. The following volumetric rates per billing period are hereby established for consumers and users of the municipal water system, as specified herein:

Residential:

Gallons	Price per 1,000 Gallons, or any fraction thereof	
	Effective June 1, 2025	Effective October 1, 2025
0 to 4,000	\$4.11	\$4.49
4,001 to 40,000	\$5.15	\$5.62
>40,000	\$6.42	\$7.01

Commercial:

Gallons	Price per 1,000 Gallons, or any fraction thereof	
	Effective June 1, 2025	Effective October 1, 2025
0 to 2,000	\$5.09	\$5.56
>2,000	\$6.37	\$6.95

Sec. B3-12. Minimum charge.

There shall be a minimum charge per billing period, or fraction thereof, during which water is available for use. The minimum charge shall depend on the size of the meter connection.

The minimum water charge inside the city limits shall be:

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	
	Effective June 1, 2025	Effective October 1, 2025
3/4" x 5/8"	\$27.50	\$30.00
1"	\$38.50	\$42.00
1.25"	\$44.00	\$48.00
1.5"	\$49.50	\$54.00
2"	\$79.75	\$87.00
3"	\$302.50	\$330.00
4"	\$385.00	\$420.00
6"	\$577.50	\$630.00

Sec. B3-13. Water connection fees.

- (a) *Connection fees.* Connections with the municipal waterworks system with an existing tap shall be charged a water meter installation charge and impact fee, as

provided for herein. Connections with the municipal waterworks system without an existing tap shall be charged a water meter installation charge, water tap fee and impact fee, as provided for herein. Each building or residence will be classified as a separate connection.

- (b) *Water meter installation charge.* The water meter installation charge for service shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Meter Installation Charge
¾ Meter	\$425.00
1" Meter	\$475.00

The water meter installation charge for a water meter larger than one inch shall be equal to the cost of installation, which shall include the meter box, fittings, water meter, radio module, labor, equipment and any other related costs.

- (c) *Water tap fee.* The water tap fee shall be equal to the total cost of installation, including materials, equipment and labor. The water tap fee shall include, but is not limited to, cutting across a right-of-way, road repairs, cutting through rock and all costs associated with easement acquisition (land surveying, easement purchase price, attorney fees, additional staff time, etc.).
- (d) *Payment made prior to connection.* All fees for service must be paid in full prior to the connection being made.

Sec. B3-14. Service outside city.

The fees for service established in section B3-11 and B3-12 of this schedule shall be increased by a multiplier of 1.15 times for water customers whose connection is located outside the city limits.

Reserved Sec. B3-15 – Sec. B3-20

Sec. B3-21. Computation of water bill.

All charges for water consumption to any user under any of the rate schedules, as set forth in sections B3-11 and B3-12 of this schedule, where the amount of water consumed or used exceeds the minimum provided, the bill shall be figured upon the amount of water actually used, and where a fractional portion of 1,000 gallons is used, the charge shall be figured in brackets of 100 gallons to the closest 100-gallon reading on a proportionate scale of rates.

Sec. B3-22. Bulk water sales.

- (a) The fees for bulk water sold through a temporary construction meter for use within the city limits shall be \$20.00 per one thousand gallons of water sold. Fractional quantities shall be prorated at \$0.02 per gallon.
- (b) The fees for bulk water sold through the bulk water filling station located at the public works warehouse, or through a temporary construction meter for use outside of the city limits when the city is in Normal, Stage 1, or Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan shall be \$30.00 per one thousand gallons of water sold, or a fraction thereof with a minimum fee of \$15.00 required for 500 gallons or less. Fractional quantities above 500 gallons shall be prorated at \$0.03 per gallon.
- (c) The fees for bulk water sold through the bulk water filling station located at the public works warehouse, or through a temporary construction meter for use

outside of the city limits when the city is in Stage 3, or Stage 4 of the Drought Contingency Plan shall be \$60.00 per one thousand gallons of water sold, or a fraction thereof with a minimum fee of \$30.00 required for 500 gallons or less. Fractional quantities above 500 gallons shall be prorated at \$0.06 per gallon.

- (d) Bulk water sold at the public works warehouse, or through a temporary construction meter for use outside of the city limits when the city is in Stage 4 of the Drought Contingency Plan shall only be sold for use as potable water or to protect public health and safety.
- (e) Temporary construction meters for bulk water use outside of the city limits shall require approval of the City Manager.

Reserved Sec. B3-246 – Sec. B3-50

Sec. B3-51. Sewer charges.

- (a) *Levy and collection of charges for use of the sewer system.* It is hereby determined and declared necessary for the city to levy and collect charges from all persons, firms and corporations using the sanitary sewer system and the lines of the city. These charges shall be in accordance with the user charge system developed under EPA Grant Project C-48-1638-03. The charges shall be based upon actual sewer use as measured by the average monthly water usage during the winter months of December, January and February. Sewer charges shall be calculated once each year and remain fixed throughout a 12-month period.
- (b) *Amendment of sewer user charge system; minimum billing.* The sewer user charge system shall be amended to provide for a minimum billing based upon a basic level of service required by all sewer customers including, but not limited to, the costs for meter reading, monthly billing, and overhead administration services.
- (c) *New service.* In the event a winter average is not able to be calculated due to the time of year connection for new customers, the monthly sewer volumetric usage will be calculated as follows:

Residential:

The number of gallons used to calculate the monthly bill shall be 4,000 gallons.

Commercial:

A commercial customer shall be charged based on the city's estimation of the customer's monthly return flow to the city's wastewater system.

- (d) *Schedules.*

Schedule A

	Effective June 1, 2025	Effective October 1, 2025
Monthly Minimum Charge	\$33.00	\$36.00
Volumetric Rate per 1,000 Gallons, or a Fraction Thereof	\$5.50	\$6.00

Schedule B

(Sewer only with no water service)

Residential:

	Effective June 1, 2025	Effective October 1, 2025
Monthly Charge	\$63.25	\$69.00

Commercial:

A commercial customer shall be charged in accordance with this section, based on the city's estimation of the customer's return flow to the city's wastewater system. The city may, at its discretion, require the installation of a water or wastewater meter, at customer's expense, to verify return flow.