

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-65

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 13.04.120 TITLED “RATES AND CHARGES—WATER—SCHEDULE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN TEXAS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown (the “City”) last modified its water rates in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed a cost of service study for the water utility service territory; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to implement water rates that recover the cost of water service for all customer classes; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to implement a water rate structure that promotes water conservation and the reduction of peak water demand; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Georgetown wishes to amend the current water rates and adopt proposed rates, effective for all utility services provided on and after **October 1, 2022**.

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

SECTION 1. The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 2. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim.

SECTION 3. Section 13.04.120 “Rates and Charges—Water—Schedule” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown, Texas is hereby amended to read as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect.

SECTION 5. 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

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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 6. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 1st reading at regular meeting of the City Council of Georgetown, Texas, on this the 23rd day of August, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 2nd and final reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of Georgetown, Texas on this the 13th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

Robyn Densmore
Robyn Densmore, City Secretary

THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN:

By: _____
Josh Schroeder, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Skye Masson
Skye Masson, City Attorney

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Exhibit A
Section 13.04.120 of the Code of Ordinances
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Section 13.04.120 – Rates and charges—Water—Schedule.

Rates and charges for water service are as follows:

A. Residential Service:

1. Availability. This schedule applies to residential customers in single-family residences, or to residential locations with a water meter for each dwelling unit.
2. Customer Base Charge per month.

Meter Size	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
5/8-inch meter	\$18.40	\$22.10
3/4-inch meter	\$27.30	\$32.85
1-inch meter	\$45.70	\$54.90
1½-inch meter	\$90.80	\$109.20
2-inch meter	\$182.20	\$219.00

3. Monthly Customer Volumetric Charge, per 1,000 gallons for inside and outside City limits:

Up to and including 7,000 gallons	\$2.05
Over 7,001 gallons, up to and including 15,000 gallons	\$3.10
Over 15,001 gallons, up to and including 25,000 gallons	\$5.35
Over 25,001 gallons	\$9.40

4. Residential customers may request a low-income water discount that is 30 percent below the current base rate for the meter size that is applicable.
 - a) Request for low-income discount must be made in writing.
 - b) To qualify for the discount, customer or a permanent resident in the household must participate in the Medicaid Program and provide verifiable proof of that participation, such as an award letter or other official documentation.
 - c) Requests for the low-income discount must be renewed annually.
 - d) Customers qualifying for the sewer low-income discount will automatically receive the water discount.

B. Multi-family Residential Service:

1. Availability. This schedule applies to multi-family residential customers with domestic use only and more than one individual dwelling unit per water meter.
2. Multi-family Residential Base Charge per month.
 - a) Inside City Limits - \$18.40 multiplied by the number of dwelling units
 - b) Outside City Limits - \$22.10 multiplied by the number of dwelling units
3. Multi-family Residential Volume per dwelling unit will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Volume per Unit} = \left(\frac{\text{total billable volume in gallons, per the meter}}{\text{\# of dwelling units served by the meter}} \right)$$

- e) Monthly Multi-family Residential Volumetric Charge applied per dwelling unit, per 1,000 gallons for inside and outside City limits:

Up to and including 7,000 gallons	\$2.05
Over 7,001 gallons, up to and including 15,000 gallons	\$3.10
Over 15,001 gallons, up to and including 25,000 gallons	\$5.35
Over 25,001 gallons	\$9.40

- f) Example: Shows calculation method for monthly Multi-family Residential Volumetric charges only

Total billable Multi-family Volume, per the Meter = 500,000 gallons

Total Number of dwelling units served by the Meter = 14

$$\text{Volume per Unit} = \frac{500,000}{14} = \mathbf{35,714 \text{ gallons per dwelling unit}}$$

Volumetric Tiered Structure	Unit Usage (kgals)	Dwelling Units Served	Total Usage, per the Meter (kgals)	Rate	Charge per 1,000 gallons
Up to and including 7,000 gallons	7	14	98	\$2.05	\$200.90
Over 7,001 gallons, up to and including 15,000 gallons	8	14	112	\$3.10	\$347.20
Over 15,001 gallons, up to and including 25,000 gallons	10	14	140	\$5.35	\$749.00
Over 25,001 gallons	10.714	14	150	\$9.40	\$1,410.00
Total Multi-family Residential Volumetric Charges	35.714		500		\$2,707.10

C. Non-residential Service:

1. Availability. This schedule applies to non-residential customers who meet one of the following criteria:
 - a) Water usage is primarily due to manufacturing of a product and irrigation usage is metered separately;
 - b) Municipal facilities that agree to curtail water usage at the Utility's discretion based on drought measures and conservation practices;
 - c) Customers that operate a restaurant with a meter size of less than two inches;
 - d) Customers with installed and qualifying on-site evaporative cooling equipment;
 - e) Customers utilizing reclaimed water;
 - f) Irrigation-only meters; or
 - g) Customers whose use is not covered by a specific rate schedule.

2. Customer Base Charge per month

Meter Size	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter	\$27.30	\$32.85

1-inch meter	\$45.70	\$54.90
1½-inch meter	\$90.80	\$109.20
2-inch meter	\$182.20	\$219.00
3-inch meter	\$436.80	\$525.10
4-inch meter	\$764.40	\$918.95
6-inch meter	\$1,673.60	\$2,012.00
8-inch meter	\$2,908.05	\$3,496.00

3. Monthly non-Residential Volumetric Charge, per 1,000 gallons for inside and outside City limits:

Customer Type	Meter Size	Tier 1 Rate	Tier 2 Rate	Tier 2 Threshold
Small Commercial	<2"	\$2.70	\$7.25	300,001 gallons
Large Commercial	2"	\$2.70	\$7.25	600,001 gallons
Large Commercial	3"	\$2.70	\$7.25	900,001 gallons
Large Commercial	4"	\$2.70	\$7.25	4,000,001 gallons
Large Commercial	6"	\$2.70	\$7.25	6,000,001 gallons
Large Commercial	8"	\$2.70	\$7.25	8,000,001 gallons
Manufacturing	<8"	\$2.70		
Municipal Interruptible		\$2.70		
Restaurant		\$2.70		
Evaporative Cooling		\$2.70		
Fire Flow		\$2.70		
Irrigation Only		\$4.45	\$9.50	500,001 gallons
Fire Hydrant Meter		\$9.50		
Reclaimed Water		\$1.40		

D. Fire Hydrant Meter/Bulk Water:

1. Availability. For non-irrigation water use from fire hydrant meters with no connection to plumbing.
 - a) A \$1,300 deposit is required prior to use unless water is prepaid (bulk water).
 - b) Usage is read and billed monthly.
 - c) Monthly base rate corresponds to meter size, as appropriate.

- d) Customer is responsible for the meter and all parts and retrofits to the meter involved in the meter reading process and replacement of meter if damaged.
- E. A customer may request an exemption to the rates provided in this Section for leaks that occur on the customer side of the meter. The request shall be in writing and addressed to the City Manager or his or her designee, who, after a review of the circumstances of the request, may approve or disapprove the exemption request in his or her sole discretion.
- F. All other provisions for City utility service shall apply, except as provided in this Chapter.