

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-41

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN APPENDIX D "SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, BOND AND INSURANCE AMOUNTS" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE (I) TO ADD FEES FOR OBTAINING BODY-WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW; (II) TO UPDATE CERTAIN PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY FEES AND DEPOSITS, AUTOMATED WATER METER FEES, AND WATER UTILITY RATES CONSISTENT WITH THE 2024 UTILITY RATE STUDY; AND (III) TO REMOVE MANUAL WATER METER FEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, in order to recover a portion of the cost of providing the services specified herein and in keeping pace with standards adopted by neighboring municipalities, the City Council deems it necessary to revise the fee schedule contained in Appendix D "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Deposits, Bond and Insurance Amounts" of the Friendswood City Code (the "Fee Schedule") consistent with this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Fee Schedule

- (a) to add fees for obtaining body-worn camera recordings consistent with Section 70.13 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code;
- (b) to amend the Fee Schedule to update certain fees within the following categories:
  - (1) parks and recreation facility fees and deposits,
  - (2) automated water meter fees, and
  - (3) water utility rates consistent with the 2024 utility rate study presented to the City Council on June 3, 2024; and
- (c) to remove the manual water meter fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the fees referenced herein are reasonable, bear a substantial relationship to the costs of providing such goods and services, and meet all constitutional and statutory requirements applicable to the same; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. That the schedule of fees contained in Appendix D "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Deposits, Bond and Insurance Amounts" of the Friendswood City Code is hereby amended to update "Parks and Recreation Facilities – Chapter 58" fees, which fees are amended to read as follows:

## Appendix D

### SCHEDULE OF FEES, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, BOND AND INSURANCE AMOUNTS

The schedule of fees for the city is printed herein and such fees are required in the section of the Code of Ordinances referenced. These fees should be checked against ordinances and resolutions on file in city hall; any conflict should be resolved in favor of the most recent applicable ordinance or resolution pertaining to a specific fee or charge.

Description		Amount	Code Section
<b>Parks and Recreation Facilities—Chapter 58</b>			
(1)	Leavesley Park Jones Hangar:		
a.	Deposit (100 percent refundable)	\$500.00	
b.	Janitorial fee	\$250.00	
c.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$35.00	
d.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$60.00	
e.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$80.00	
(2)	Stevenson Park Gazebo:		
a.	Cleanup and security deposit (refundable)	\$200.00	
b.	Resident rental fee	\$50.00	
c.	Nonresident rental fee	\$100.00	
d.	Nonprofit group rental fee	\$25.00	
(3)	Stevenson Park Large or Small Pavilion:		
a.	Cleanup and security deposit (refundable)	\$200.00	
b.	Resident rental fee	\$75.00	
c.	Nonresident rental fee	\$175.00	
d.	Nonprofit group rental fee	\$25.00	
(4)	Stevenson Park Green Space:		
a.	Deposit (refundable)	\$100.00	
b.	Rental fee	\$25.00	
(5)	Stevenson Park Basketball Court (1/2 Court):		
a.	Deposit (refundable)	\$100.00	
b.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$25.00	
c.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$30.00	
d.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$15.00	
(6)	Stevenson Park Sand Volleyball Court or Tennis Courts:		
a.	Deposit (refundable)	\$100.00	
b.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$20.00	
c.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$30.00	
d.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$15.00	
(7)	Stevenson Park Pickleball Courts:		
a.	Deposit (refundable)	\$100.00	
b.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$15.00	
c.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$20.00	
d.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$10.00	
(8)	Stevenson Park Pool Exclusive Rental:		
a.	Lifeguard Fee (per guard per hour)	\$15.00	
b.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$40.00	
c.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$50.00	
d.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$15.00	
(9)	Stevenson Park Pool Wooden Deck Only:		

Description			Amount	Code Section
	a.	Guest fee (per person)	\$2.00	
	b.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$10.00	
	c.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$20.00	
	d.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$5.00	
(10)	Stevenson Park Pool:			
	a.	Resident fees:		
	i.	Family pass	\$80.00	
	ii.	20 visit pass	\$30.00	
	iii.	Daily visit (all ages)	\$2.00	
	iv.	Seniors (60+)	\$0.00	
	b.	Nonresident fee:		
	i.	Family pass	\$110.00	
	ii.	20 visit pass	\$60.00	
	iii.	Daily visit (all ages)	\$4.00	
	iv.	Seniors (60+)	\$4.00	
(11)	Old City Park:			
	a.	Cleanup and security deposit (refundable)	\$200.00	
	b.	Resident rental fee	\$75.00	
	c.	Nonresident rental fee	\$175.00	
	d.	Nonprofit group rental fee	\$25.00	
(12)	Renwick Park:			
	a.	Resident daily rates (per hour/per field)	\$20.00	
	b.	Resident evening rates (5:30—11:00 p.m.) (per hour/per field)	\$30.00	
	c.	Nonresident daily rates (per hour/per field)	\$40.00	
	d.	Nonresident evening rate (5:00—11:00 p.m.) (per hour/per field)	\$50.00	
(13)	Activity Building:			
	a.	Deposit (100 percent refundable)	\$500.00	
	b.	Janitorial fee	\$250.00	
	c.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$35.00	
	d.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$60.00	
	e.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$80.00	
(14)	Centennial Park Pavilion:			
	a.	Cleanup and security deposit (refundable)	\$200.00	
	b.	Resident rental fee	\$75.00	
	c.	Nonresident rental fee	\$175.00	
	d.	Nonprofit group rental fee	\$25.00	
(15)	Centennial Park Evelyn B. Newman Amphitheater:			
	a.	Deposit (100 percent refundable)	\$500.00	
	b.	Janitorial fee	\$250.00	
	c.	Resident rental fee	\$50.00	
	d.	Nonresident rental fee	\$70.00	
	e.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$25.00	
(16)	Centennial Park Basketball Court (1/2 court):			
	a.	Deposit (refundable)	\$100.00	
	b.	Resident rental fee (per hour)	\$25.00	
	c.	Nonresident rental fee (per hour)	\$30.00	
	d.	Nonprofit group rental fee (per hour)	\$15.00	
(17)	Centennial Park Fields:			
	a.	Resident daily rates (per hour/per field)	\$20.00	

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		b.	Resident evening rates (5:30 - 11:00 p.m.) (per hour/per field)	\$30.00	
		c.	Nonresident daily rates (per hour/per field)	\$40.00	
		d.	Nonresident evening rate (5:30-11:00 p.m.) (per hour/per field)	\$50.00	
	(18)	Corporal Steven Schulz Sportspark Field:			
		a.	Resident daily rates (per hour/per field)	\$20.00	
		b.	Resident evening rates (5:30 - 11:00 p.m.) (per hour/per field)	\$30.00	
		c.	Nonresident daily rates (per hour/per field)	\$40.00	
		d.	Nonresident evening rate (5:00-11:00 p.m.) (per hour/per field)	\$50.00	
	For any facility rental over 75+ people and/or alcohol, an additional security fee will be added of \$81 per hour, per officer at a minimum of 3 hours.				
	The fees for other parks and recreation activities such as special events, summer programs, registration, classes and memberships, may be established by the Department Director, with the consent of the City Manager.				
	The city reserves the right to reduce or eliminate any and all fees for youth organizations, nonprofit organizations and/or city-sponsored events.				

Section 3. That the schedule of fees contained in Appendix D "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Deposits, Bond and Insurance Amounts" of the Friendswood City Code is hereby amended to add a new subsection to be numbered and entitled Subsection (3) "Body-worn camera recording," which subsection shall read as follows:

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#### Public Information:

*The charges for public information including judicial records are as follows:*

			(3)	<i>Body-worn camera recording:</i>		
			a.	Recording responsive to a public information request	\$10.00	
			b.	Additional charge per minute of audio or video footage responsive to a public information request, if identical information has not already been obtained by a member of the public in response to a request for information	\$1.00/full minute	

Section 4. That the schedule of fees contained in Appendix D "Schedule of Fees, Rates, Charges, Deposits, Bond and Insurance Amounts" of the Friendswood City Code is hereby amended to

amend and include Subsections (6) "Water meter fees," (7) "Automated meter antenna replacement – 6' cable," (8) "Automated meter antenna replacement – 20' cable," (9) "Same day service connection (one-time fee per customer request)," (10) "Utility meter removal/pulled meter fee," (11) "Meter replacement fee (one-time fee per customer request)," (12) "Proof of residency documentation (per copied page)," (13) "Water Utility Rates," (14) "Wastewater utility rates," (15) "Earthwork Permit," (16) "Sitework Permit—Commercial/Multifamily," (17) "Sitework Permit—Single-Family Residential" in "Utilities – Chapter 86" fees, which subsections shall read as follows:

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Description	Amount	Code Section
<b>Utilities—Chapter 86</b>		

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	(6)	Water meter fees (cost per meter):	74-52 74-52(d)
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Meter Size	Automated
5/8"	\$382.50
1"	\$457.50
1.5"	\$928.75
2"	\$1,075.00
3"	\$2,950.00
4"	\$3,785.63
6"	\$6,202.54

	(7)	Automated meter antenna replacement – 6' cable	\$34.00
	(8)	Automated meter antenna replacement – 20' cable	\$41.00
	(9)	Same day service connection (one-time fee per customer request)	\$75.00
	(10)	Utility meter removal/pulled meter fee	\$100.00
	(11)	Meter replacement fee (one-time fee per customer request)	\$75.00
	(12)	Proof of residency documentation (per copied page)	\$0.10
	(13)	Water utility rates;	

Monthly Minimum Charge—Single-Family Residential				
Meter Size	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Up to 1"	\$23.55	\$25.20	\$26.95	\$28.85
1½"	\$92.09	\$98.55	\$105.45	\$112.85
2"	\$147.43	\$157.75	\$168.80	\$180.60
3"	\$265.20	\$283.75	\$303.60	\$324.85
4"	\$433.43	\$463.75	\$496.20	\$530.95
6"	\$854.02	\$913.80	\$977.75	\$1,046.20
8"	\$1,358.72	\$1,453.85	\$1,555.60	\$1,664.50

Volumetric Rates—Single-Family Residential				
Per 1,000 Gallons	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
0—3,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3,001—10,000 gallons	\$3.21	\$3.45	\$3.70	\$3.95
10,001—25,000 gallons	\$4.01	\$4.30	\$4.60	\$4.90
Above 25,000 gallons	\$6.02	\$6.45	\$6.90	\$7.40

Monthly Minimum Charge—Commercial, Multi-Unit (Residential or Commercial)				
Meter Size	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Up to 1"	\$23.55	\$25.20	\$26.95	\$28.85
1½"	\$92.09	\$98.55	\$105.45	\$112.85
2"	\$147.43	\$157.75	\$168.80	\$180.60
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Volumetric Rates—Commercial, Multi-Unit (Residential or Commercial)				
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Per 1,000 gallons	\$4.90	\$5.25	\$5.60	\$6.00

Monthly Minimum Charge—Irrigation/Sprinkler				
Meter Size	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Up to 1"	\$23.55	\$25.20	\$26.95	\$28.85
1½"	\$92.09	\$98.55	\$105.45	\$112.85
2"	\$147.43	\$157.75	\$168.80	\$180.60
3"	\$265.20	\$283.75	\$303.60	\$324.85
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6"	\$854.02	\$913.80	\$977.75	\$1,046.20
8"	\$1,358.72	\$1,453.85	\$1,555.60	\$1,664.50

Volumetric Rates—Irrigation/Sprinkler				
Per 1,000 Gallons	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
0—3,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3,001—10,000 gallons	\$4.00	\$4.30	\$4.60	\$4.90
10,001—25,000 gallons	\$4.25	\$4.55	\$4.85	\$5.20
Above 25,000 gallons	\$6.02	\$6.45	\$6.90	\$7.40

	(14)	Wastewater utility rates		
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Wastewater Utility Rates				
Minimum Monthly Charge	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Single-family residential	\$27.96	\$29.90	\$32.00	\$33.30
Residential (multi-unit)	\$27.96	\$29.90	\$32.00	\$33.30
Commercial (single and multi-unit)	\$27.96	\$29.90	\$32.00	\$33.30

Volumetric Rates—Single-Family Residential				
Based on WMA**	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Per 1,000 gallons	\$4.29	\$4.60	\$4.90	\$5.10

Volumetric Rates—Commercial (Single), Multi-Unit* (Residential and Commercial)				
Based on 100% Water Consumption	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
Per 1,000 gallons	\$4.29	\$4.60	\$4.90	\$5.10

	(15)	Earthwork Permit	\$50.00	86-392
	(16)	Sitework Permit—Commercial/Multifamily	\$500.00	86-412
	(17)	Sitework Permit—Single-Family Residential	\$250.00	86-412

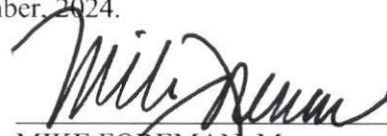
Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

Section 6. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Friendswood, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

Section 7. The City Secretary shall give notice of the enactment of this ordinance by promptly publishing the caption of this ordinance after final passage in the official newspaper of the City.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2025.


INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED on first reading by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
MIKE FOREMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

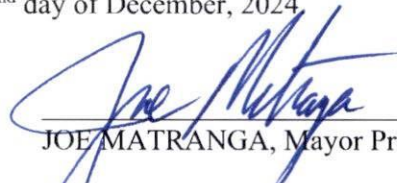
  
LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
KAREN L. HORNER, City Attorney




INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED on second and final reading by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Friendswood on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
JOE MATRANGA, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
LETICIA BRYSCH, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
KAREN L. HORNER, City Attorney

