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ORDINANCE No. 2016-08-22-C

PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY RATES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, PROVIDING RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES AND PENALTY CHARGES AMOUNT WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Whereas, the provision of water, wastewater and solid waste collection services for the residents of the City of Ranger, Eastland County, Texas (the "City") is necessary for the public health of the citizens and the protection of the environment and natural resources of the City; and

Whereas, the City provides rates for the water, wastewater, solid waste collection and disposal services, and the penalty charges to all residences and businesses within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, THAT:

Article I. Authority and Definitions.

Section 1. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the police powers and authority given to home rule cities by the constitution, codes and general laws of the State of Texas, including but not limited to chapters 51 and 402, Texas local government code.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide service rates for the public health and general welfare, the efficient and effective provision of city services and the protection of the environment and natural resources of the community. From and after the passage of this ordinance all residential, business, commercial, and industrial occupancies and uses within the City and its service area shall conform to the following rates.

Section 3. Findings of fact. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble of this ordinance are found to be true and correct and that they hereby adopted by the City Commissioners and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 4. Definitions. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall be the meaning ascribed to them in Ordinance Public Utility Procedure, Article 1, Section 4.

Article II. Water/ Sewer Service Rates and Fees

Section 1. Tap fee rates. The following tap fees are in accordance to Ordinance 091304-2 Public Utility Procedures, Article II --- Water and sewer service, Section I.

Standard residential connection, 5/8x3/4 meter	$1000.00
Tap on other side of street, add	$450.00
(a) One inch meter connection and tap	$1750.00

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(b) Two inch meter connection and tap	$2750.00
Other side of street tap charges for b and c	$450.00
(c) Wastewater system connection – 4 inch	$750.00
Wastewater system connection – 6 inch	$1500.00
Other side of street tap	$450.00

(d) Extension of lines --- tap fees plus cost plus 25%

Section 2. Security deposit rate. The security deposit rate shall be $150.00. Public Utility Procedures, Article II, Section 3 --- security deposit.

Section 3. Service charge rate. The service charge rate shall be $50.00. Public Utility Procedures, Article II, Section 3 --- service charge.

Section 4. Rates for water and meter service. The following rates, fees, and charges shall be charged and paid for water services within the city.

(a) Residential minimum charge per meter, up to 2000 gallons	36.00
(b) For each 1000 gallons of water metered over 2000	7.50
(c) Commercial – Single entity rate. Where a commercial unit, business Establishment, customer entity receives service off a meter. The first 2000 gallons	60.00
(ii) For each 1000 gallons of water metered over 2000 gallons	7.50

(d) Commercial --- Master meter rate. A master meter is where more than one commercial unit, business establishment, customers, or entities receive service off one meter. Units times $35.00 plus $ 7.50 per 1000 gallons over minimum times the number of customers.

(ii) Minimum monthly charge for each business, office commercial unit or entity served by the master meter, without regard for the number of units occupied. 60.00

(iii) For each 1,000 gallons of water metered over 2000 gallons and the

Proportionate amount of any part thereof. 7.50

(e) Outside city limits --- The following rates will be charged to all customers for water service provided outside the city limits. The first 2000 gallons of water used are included in the minimum charge. $36.50

(i) For each 1000 gallons above the 2000 gallon minimum $8.00

(e) Meter test. A water meter test will be performed at the request of the customer. If the meter is found to be slow, less than 98%, the customer will be charged $75.00

(f) Disconnecting charge. The disconnecting charge of $ 25.00 is applied.

(g) Termination at owner's request. The requested charge rate is $25.00

Section 4 A: Ranger College & Ranger ISD

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Ranger College and Ranger ISD has a special rate structure due to the expansive services with services provided to students that may not get a chance for an advanced education in other circumstances.

(i) Water minimum -----	$32.00
(ii) Each 1000 gallons over minimum	$5.50
(iii)Sewer ----- minimum	$120.00

Section 5. Rates for Bulk Water

i. 0-1000 gallons	$25.00
ii. Each additional 1,000 gallons	$5.00

Section 6. Rates for wastewater service --- The following monthly rates shall be charged for each tap user for sewer service.

(h) The minimum charge per each tap user	Residential	$45.00
(i) Commercial I $60.00	Commercial II	$120.00
(j) Multi – unit complex (per unit)		$15.00

Article III. Solid Waste Service Rates and Fees

Section 1. Rates for solid waste services. The minimum monthly charge for residential solid waste services shall be $27.00 per unit. Customers with each additional container will be charged an additional $15.00 per unit.

(a) Commercial / industrial. The rates for solid waste services for commercial and industrial customers shall be determined by individual agreement based on location, volume, and frequency of service. The current commercial rates are:

1. 96 gallon container	once per week	$32.00
2. 96 gallon container	twice per week	$55.00
3. 1.5 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week	$65.00
4. 1.5 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week	$95.00
5. 2.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week	$ 70.00
6. 2.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week	$105.00
7. 3.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week	$115.00
8. 3. 0 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week	$195.00
9. 4.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week	$135.00
10. 4.o cu. yd. dumpster	twice per week	$225.00

These charges do not include the tax on taxable entities for sanitation charges.

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Section 2. The City operated recycle center is provided for citizen use to dispose of trash, tree limbs, and large appliances and cardboard. The following fee schedule is applied.

1	Pick-up truck	$25.00
2.	8 x 16 x 4 trailer	$40.00
3.	Refrigerators, freezers, a/c units	$20.00 each

The rates above are for city residents only and a current utility bill is required to be charged the rates listed. Outside city customers rates are doubled.

Section 3. Damage or injury to waterworks system. It shall be unlawful for any person, in any way, to intentionally or carelessly break, deface or in any manner damage, injure, or destroy any hydrant, standpipe, lock box, or other property belonging to the City or a duly authorized agent of the City (Council approved contractor) or City employee. Any tampering of a meter that has been turned off for non- of payment of services rendered is susceptible to tampering charges or theft of services charges with a minimum of $500.00 and up to $1000.00 per day with each day being a separate offense.

Section 4. Repair and restitution for damages. The City requires each customer to "call before you dig" so the water department can respond and locate the lines for a customer. Repair charges will be assessed to the customer if no attempt is made to contact the city water department before digging and damage occurs. Repair charges are due within 10 days from the date of invoice. Time, materials, water loss, equipment, other customer inconvenience may all be billed.

Section 5. Penalty. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article, or shall fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, within the city limits shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be liable for a fine assessed by the Municipal Court Judge. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Such penalty shall be in addition to all the other remedies provided herein.

Section 6. No reduced rate or free service. All customers receiving services from the city shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance and shall be charged the rates established in this ordinance, and no reduced rate or free service shall be furnished to any customer. It is shown, from establishing reasonable classifications of customers for which rates differing from the rates stated herein may be adopted, and that nothing contained herein shall be constructed to prevent the city from furnishing water services to special projects or other establishments at a bulk rate if deemed advisable by the city.

Article IV. General Provisions.

Section 1. Repeal of conflicting ordinances. All parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

Section 2. Savings clause. All rights and remedies of the City of Ranger are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances affecting water, sewer, or disposal

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within the City, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance, and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 5. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the open meetings act, chapter 51221, Texas government Code.

First Reading Passed and Approved on this 8th day of August, 2016

Second Reading Passed and Approved on this 22th day of August, 2016.

CITY OF RANGER

Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Wells, City Secretary