

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11-13-F

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; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-08-22-C, 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/ Wastewater 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 wastewater 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

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 -----	\$36.00
(ii) Each 1000 gallons over minimum	\$6.50
(iii) Sewer ----- minimum	\$120.00

Section 5. Rates for Bulk Water

i. 0-1000 gallons	\$25.00
ii. Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.50

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

- (a) Residential \$45.00
- (b) Commercial I \$60.00
- (c) Commercial II \$120.00
- (d) Commercial III \$240.00
- (e) 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. 4.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week	\$225.00

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 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 13th day of November, 2017

Second Reading Passed and Approved on this 20th day of November, 2017



CITY OF RANGER

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Joe Pilgrim, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Savannah Fortenberry", is written over a horizontal line.

Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary