ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12-08-A

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S EXISTING ORDINANCES BY AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CERTAIN LICENSES, PERMITS, AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF RANGER; INCLUDING FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROPER NOTICE AND HEARING; REPEAL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; EFFECTIVE DATE AND OPEN MEETING CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Ranger (the "City") has previously established by ordinances and resolutions fees for licenses, permits, and services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has drafted a Schedule of Fees, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all purposes, that reflects revisions to certain fees, a restatement of certain fees not revised, and a consolidation of all such fees; and

WHEREAS, due to the need for periodic modification of said fees and for the purposes of efficiency, the City Commission desires to future fee changes by resolution rather than by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide a single and convenient location for a list of all fees charged; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has considered the merits of this Ordinance and has determined that this Ordinance is necessary to protect the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the community.

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT. All of the above premises and recitations are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as findings of fact, as if copied herein in their entirety.

SECTION 2. FEE SCHEDULE. The consolidated and revised Fee Schedule is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and made a part hereof for all purposes, the same as if fully copied herein.

SECTION 3. REPEAL. All prior Resolutions or Ordinances amending and/or adopting a Fee Schedule are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. PENALTY.

It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to conduct any activity or commence any use or receive any service for which payment of a fee described herein is required until such fee has been paid (if required to be paid in advance) or to fail to pay such fee when properly billed.

Any person or entity who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall be charged with a Class C misdemeanor and, if convicted, may be subject to fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00). Each day a violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. CUMULATIVE CLAUSE.

That this ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the City of Ranger, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinance, in which event the conflicting provisions of such Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect notwithstanding the validity of any part.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS.

That all rights and privileges of the City of Ranger are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provision of any Ordinances effected by this Ordinance; and any such accrual of said ordinances at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violation and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 8. PROPER NOTICE AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT. 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 the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required and that public notice, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the open meetings act, chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law, and it is so ordained.

FIRST READING PASSED AN APPROVED, this 24 day of November, 2025.

SECOND READING PASSED AN ADOPTED, this 8 day of December, 2025.

CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS

Robert Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hope Delatorre, City Secretary

City of Ranger Fee Schedule (Attachment A)

A. Water/Wastewater Service Rates and Fees

1. Tap fee rates.	
Standard residential connection, 5/8x3/4 meter:	$1100.00
Tap on other side of street, add:	$550.00
(a) One inch meter connection and tap:	$1850.00
(b) Two-inch meter connection and tap:	$2950.00
Other side of street tap charges for b and c:	$550.00
(c) Wastewater system connection - 4 inch:	$850.00
Wastewater system connection - 6 inch:	$1600.00
Other side of street tap:	$550.00
(d) Extension of lines --- tap fees plus cost plus 25%	
2. Security Deposit Rate:	$150.00
3. New Account Setup Charge	$50.00
4. Termination Charge	$25.00
5. Service Charge Rate:	$50.00
6. Late charges to be added to account balance as of midnight on the 15th of each month at 10% of the balance.	
7. All payments are posted on the date they are received. The Drop Box on the porch is checked once a day in the morning. Anything dropped after the box is checked will be posted on the next business day.	
8. Meter Tampering Fee	$300.00 +damages
9. Rates for Water and Meter Service.	
(a) Residential minimum charge per meter, up to 2000 gallons:	$54.25
(b) For each 1000 gallons of water metered over 2000:	$11.80
(c) Commercial - Single entity rate. Where a commercial unit, Business customer entity receives service off a meter.	
The first 2000 gallons:	$102.85
For each 1000 gallons of water metered over 2000 gallons	

and any proportionate amount: $11.80

(d) Commercial – Master meter rate: (More than one unit, customer, or Establishments off of one meter.

# of units X $43.00 (plus $10.50 per 1000 gallons over minimum X # of Customers.

Residents have the opportunity to utilize a payment extension of ten days no more than (3) times per year. The payment extension must be in place before the 25th of the month in question.

Outside city limits --- The following rates will be charged to all customers for water service provided outside the city limits.

(e) The first 2000 gallons of water used are included in the minimum charge: $62.15

For each 1000 gallons above the 2000 gallon minimum: $11.80

(f) 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

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

4A. Ranger College and Ranger ISD.

- Water minimum: $104.00
- Each 1000 gallons over minimum: $11.80
- Sewer minimum: $120.00

5. Rates for Bulk Water:

- 0-1000 gallons: $113.00
- Each additional 1,000 gallons $56.50

6. Wastewater.

- Residential $47.00
- Commercial I $62.00
- Commercial II $122.00
- Commercial III $242.00
- Multi-unit complex (per unit): $17.00

6a. Bulk Wastewater (per trip):

• 0-2,000 gallons	$125.00
• Each additional 1,000 gallons or a portion thereof	$67.50

7. TCEQ Backflow Tester Certification (annually) At Cost

B. Solid Wastes.

• Minimum monthly charge residential (per unit):	$26.00
Each additional unit:	$15.50

Commercial/Industrial rates:

• 96 gallon container once per week:		$33.50
• 96 gallon container twice per week:		N/A
• 1.5 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week:	$62.00
• 1.5 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week:	$93.50
• 2.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week:	$72.50
• 2.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week:	N/A
• 3.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week:	$114.00
• 3. 0 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week:	$196.75
• 4.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	once per week:	$150.00
• 4.0 cu. Yd. dumpster	twice per week:	$228.00

C. Collection Center

Residential Rates:

• Pick-up truck	$15.00
• 10-12' Trailer (4'sides)	$30.00
• 14-16' Trailer (4'sides)	$40.00
• 20-30' Trailer (4'side)	$60.00
• Refrigerators, freezers, and a/c units	$20.00 each

NOTE: Contractors are double amount listed above.

Brush loads

- Pick-up or Trailer- FREE for up to (3) loads per month per water bill. After the third load, it will be $10 per load.

NOTE: Fees can be waived with Code Enforcement letter.

D. Cemetery Rates:

- Administrative Fee $25.00 – (Admin actions, i.e., Plot Deed transfer)
- Locate Plot $30.00
- Plot (Casket Burial) $255.00
- Urn – Placement on a plot with a casket. $70.00
- Urn Plot (Urn Burial only) $280.00

  Plot may be used for urns only and up to four urns can be placed on plot. Each urn must be registered with city hall.

E. Animal Control Rates:

Fees can be altered or waived by Animal Control Officer with Supervisor's approval

1. Standard licensing fee: (for all animals four months of age or older)

NOTE: You must submit proof of rabies vaccination.

- Unneutered dog or cat (annually) $5.00
- Neutered dog or cat (annually) $5.00
- Other animals (annually) $5.00

2. Permits:

- Circus/Zoo $500.00
- Commercial Animal Enterprise $300.00
- Multiple Animal Owner $250.00
- Guard Dog $50.00

NOTE: Renewal for all above (annually): At Cost

3. Impoundment Fee (for each animal): Strays whose owners cannot be located will be confined for a period of 96 hours, and if unclaimed may be destroyed and tested for rabies. A dog or cat with no identification shall be held for a minimum of 2 hours (after 72 hours the animal is property of the city).

- After hours call fee in addition to impoundment: $50.00

	First Time (per day)	Second Time (per day)	Third Time (per day)

Unneutered dog or cat	$30.00	$35.00	$60.00
Neutered dog or cat	$25.00	$35.00	$60.00
Fowl or small animal	$25.00	$35.00	$60.00
Livestock	$60.00	$200.00	$350.00
Zoological and/or circus animal	$100.00	$200.00	$500.00

NOTE: More than 4 violates by and pet or combination thereof owned by the same person in three years or less shall be: $500.00 for each impoundment

4. Boarding/Quarantine Fees:

- Boarding fee for impounded animals after first day: $40.00
- Established by policy (does not include first day)

NOTE: Home quarantine may be authorized as coordinated in accordance with State Law. Any owned dog or cat having bitten or scratched a person shall be observed for a period of ten days from the day of the bite.

5. Expenses of Animal: Owner shall pay for any veterinarian or drug fees incurred for the animal while in custody of ACO or Animal Shelter.

6. Surrender Fees:

- Cats $100.00
- Dogs $100.00
- Litters of dogs or cats $100.00
- Other small animals $100.00
- Large Animals N/A

7. Adoption Fees:

- Each animal $40.00 or Cost of Vaccination

NOTE: Animals adopted from the animal shelter must be neutered/spayed must provide proof of surgery by the date established by the ACO.

F. Administrative Services

- Hardcopy of Charter, Ordinances or Resolutions
- Certified Birth Certificates $23.00
- Certified Death Certificates $21.00
    - Each Additional Certified Copy $ 4.00
- Rent Community Center- 4 hours $50.00
- Rent Community Center – 8 hours $100.00
- Public Information Requests
    - Per page $ 0.10

- Hourly Administrative Labor $15.00
- Dishonored checks: $35.00
- Accident Reports: $6.00
  - Certified copy: $8.00
- Supplies Actual Cost
- Postage and Shipping Actual Cost
- Credit Card Fee- Fee calculated off of total amount of transaction 3.50%

G. HUD Manufactured Home Permits.

- HUD Manufactured Home Permits $50.00
- RV temporary use permit $50.00

H. Recreational Vehicle (RV) Lot Permit Fees:

- $25.00 Per space/year
- One-time application fee $50.00

I. Tiny Home or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Permits.

- $500 plus five cents per square foot

J. Regulation of Vendors, Peddlers, Solicitors to include Food Establishments, Semi-permanent food establishment, and temporary vendors.

NOTE: it is unlawful for any peddler, solicitor, mobile food establishment, temporary food establishment, or semi-permanent food establishment to engage in business without obtaining a peddler's permit for the City Secretary. Does not include community service, charitable, educational, or religious services, such as meals-on-wheels, etc.

- Peddler permit:
  - Per day: $10.00
  - Per week: $35.00
  - Per month: $50.00
  - Per 3 months: $75.00
  - Per 6 months: $100.00
  - Per year: $150.00

- Mobile, temporary, or semi-permanent food establishment shall pay a base fee of $10.00 for each individual on the permit. NOTE: Applicant must obtain and provide to the City of Ranger the inspections or permits required by Texas Department of State Health Services.

- Plus, the following additional:
    - Per day: $5.00
    - Per week: $10.00
    - Per month: $25.00
    - Per 3 months: $50.00
    - Per 6 months: $75.00
    - Per year: $100.00

K. Special Event Permit. (May coordinate for joint permit if more than one sponsor)

- Public Property Fees:
    - First Day $25.00
    - Each additional day $10.00

L. Fireworks. No person, firm or corporation shall discharge or use fireworks within the city of limits, except as a public exhibition with a permit issued by the City Commission. And a temporary license is issued by the City Fire Chief.

- Fee established by the City Commission:

M. Fire/EMS/Ambulance Fees.

(Per current rate schedules)

N. Police Fees.

(Per current rate schedules)

O. Towing Fees (Third Party).

- Maximum amount to be charged by towing company in town $165.00

P. Code Enforcement Fees:

COST	RATE	QUANTITY
Administrative Fee	$200.00	Per Violation Service
Labor	$50.00	Hourly/Per Person

Haul Off – Small Trailer	$75.00	Hourly
Haul Off – Large Trailer	$150.00	Hourly
Haul Off – Dump Trailer	$200.00	Hourly
Heavy Equipment Usage	$1,200.00	Daily (1 Day Minimum)
Junk Vehicle Abatement*	$165.00	Per Vehicle
Roll-Off	*Based on Size, Weight, Current Fees + 30%*	*Based on Size, Weight, Current Fees + 30%*

- Vehicle Parts will be assessed on the same fee schedule as rubbish/debris removal.
- Annual 10% interest, per year, remains unpaid.
- All fees paid in office by Debit/Credit Card will add an additional 3.5% processing fee.