

ORDINANCE NO. 25-118

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TITLED UTILITIES*, ARTICLE III. SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES, DIVISION 2. SERVICE RATES; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the charges set forth would be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Fort Stockton;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS:

CHAPTER 24. UTILITIES*
ARTICLE III. SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES
DIVISION 2. SERVICE RATES

Sec. 24-51. Rates for water, wastewater, gas services and tap charges within the corporate limits.

(a) Rates for water and surcharges. The rates to be charged by the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, to consumers of water furnished by said City inside its corporate city limits shall be:

WATER AND SURCHARGES						
Date Effective				Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024	Surcharge
Minimum Charge for All Meter Sizes						\$2.50
	0	2,000	gallons	\$17.15	\$18.15	\$0.75
Consumption Charge (per Thousand gallons)						
	2,001	3,000	gallons	\$2.77	\$2.87	\$0.75
	3,001	5,000	gallons	\$2.82	\$2.92	\$0.75
	5,001	8,000	gallons	\$2.84	\$2.94	\$0.75
	8,001	10,000	gallons	\$3.01	\$3.11	\$0.75
	10,001	15,000	gallons	\$3.28	\$3.38	\$0.75
	15,001	20,000	gallons	\$3.46	\$3.56	\$0.75
	20,001	50,000	gallons	\$3.71	\$3.81	\$0.75
	50,001	100,000	gallons	\$3.91	\$4.01	\$0.75
	100,001	Greater	gallons	\$4.23	\$4.33	\$0.75
Commercial and Governmental ICL Date Effective				Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024	Surcharge
Minimum Charge for All Meter Sizes						\$7.50
	0	2,000	gallons	\$25.92	\$27.92	\$0.75
Consumption Charge (per thousand gallons)						
	2,001	3,000	gallons	\$3.18	\$3.38	\$0.75
	3,001	15,000	gallons	\$3.22	\$3.42	\$0.75
	15,001	30,000	gallons	\$3.36	\$3.56	\$0.75
	30,001	50,000	gallons	\$3.39	\$3.59	\$0.75
	50,001	100,000	gallons	\$3.43	\$3.63	\$0.75
	100,001	Greater	gallons	\$3.46	\$3.66	\$0.75
Hotel/Motel/RV Parks ICL Date Effective				Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024	Surcharge
Minimum Charge for All Meter Sizes						\$7.50
	0	2,000	gallons	\$27.92	\$29.92	\$0.75
Consumption Charge (per thousand gallons)						
	2,001	3,000	gallons	\$5.18	\$5.38	\$0.75
	3,001	15,000	gallons	\$5.22	\$5.42	\$0.75
	15,001	30,000	gallons	\$5.36	\$5.56	\$0.75
	30,001	50,000	gallons	\$5.39	\$5.59	\$0.75
	50,001	100,000	gallons	\$5.43	\$5.63	\$0.75
	100,001	Greater	gallons	\$5.46	\$5.66	\$0.75

Prisons						
Date Effective				Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024	Surcharge
Minimum Charge for All Meter Sizes						\$7.50
	0	2,000	gallons	\$25.92	\$27.92	\$0.75
Consumption Charge (per thousand gallons)						
	2,001	Greater	gallons	\$4.75	\$4.95	\$0.75

(b) *Rates for wastewater.* The rates to be charged by the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, to consumers for wastewater services by said city within its corporate city limits shall be:

WASTEWATER

Residential ICL				
Date Effective	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024
Minimum charge for all meter sizes				
0—2,000 gallons	\$16.01	\$18.56	\$19.56	\$20.56
Consumption charge (per thousand gallons)				
2,001—3,000 gallons	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
3,001—5,000 gallons	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
5,001—8,000 gallons	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
8,001—10,000 gallons	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
10,001—15,000 gallons	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
15,001—20,000 gallons	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
20,001—Greater gallons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial and Governmental ICL				
Date Effective	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024
Minimum charge for all meter sizes				
0—2,000 gallons	\$24.61	\$27.09	\$29.09	\$31.09
Consumption charge (per thousand gallons)				
2,001—Greater gallons	1.38	1.38	1.88	2.08
Prisons				
Date Effective	Oct. 2014	Oct. 2015	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024
Minimum charge for all meter sizes				

0—2,000 gallons	\$36.91	\$40.64	\$42.64	\$44.64
Consumption charge (per thousand gallons)				
2,001— Greater gallons	2.07	2.07	2.57	2.77

GAS

- (c) *Rates for natural gas.* The rates to be charged to consumers of natural gas within and without corporate limits of the City of Fort Stockton, Texas, shall be:
- (1) Minimum bill will include the actual cost of gas based on monthly index price from West Texas Gas plus a marginal service adjustment of twenty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$23.39) for the first MCF of gas; each MCF thereafter, will include the monthly index amount plus two dollar and four cents (\$2.04).
 - (2) In the future if a change in rates to consumers of natural gas within and without corporate limits is required, the cost of gas shall be the combined cost of gas from the alternate source and West Texas Gas Company plus the transportation charge, as authorized by the purchase agreement from West Texas Gas Company for deliveries to Fort Stockton during the current month, plus a five (5) percent charge for unaccounted gas loss and a three dollar and ten cent (\$3.10) cost of service.

EXAMPLE:	(\$5.25 for West Texas Gas) Transportation included
	(\$3.00 for Alternate Source Gas) Transportation included

Average cost of combined gas (Alternate Source and West Texas Gas)

\$4.13	
<u>x 1.05</u>	Unaccounted Gas Allowance
\$4.33	
<u>+ 3.10</u>	Cost of Service
\$7.43	Per MCF

Any customer not specifically enumerated above shall be charged a rate based on estimated volume by the city manager or someone under his direction.

- (d) *Rates for gas, water and sewer meters and taps.* The rates to be charged by the city for gas, water and sewer taps and line charges within its corporate limits shall be as follows:

Water meter and taps:

- ¾ inch: \$600.00
- 1 inch or larger: Actual cost

Sewer tap:

- Up to 20 feet, 4" line from main line to property line: \$600.00
- Larger than 4": Actual cost
- Tap relocation: Actual cost
- Street cut, per square feet (water or sewer): \$2.00

Gas meter and taps:

- 250—275 meter: No charge
- Larger setting: Actual cost
- Street cut, per square feet: \$2.00
- Meter relocation requiring a new gas tap: \$250.00

- Meter relocation requiring only one-inch service line extension (maximum of ten (10) feet): \$100.00
- (e) *Outside corporate city limits.* The rates to be charged for water and sewer consumers by said city outside its corporate city limits shall be one and one-half (1½) times the rates charged for those within its corporate city limits. In case two (2) governmental entities have signed an agreement or a property owner gives the city an easement to cross their property, a rate to be charged for water consumers may be within the city corporate limit rate.
- (f) *Fees for bulk water sales permit program.* The City of Fort Stockton is hereby prohibited from selling its treated potable bulk water for industrial use; or as authorized by the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District.
- Application processing fee \$10.00
 - Deposit 25.00
 - Unexpired permit:
Per barrel (42 gallons) 1.50
- (g) *Gas Incentive Program.* The customer shall receive \$400 credited to their account upon opening new services.

Secs. 24-52 – 24-54. ****

Secs. 24-55 – 24-65. Reserved.

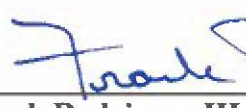
Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall be only to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this ordinance shall be cumulative of other ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this ordinance.

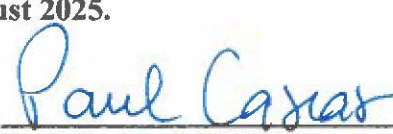
Severability. If any provision, sections, exceptions, subsections, paragraph, sentence, clause or phase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances and to this end all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Publication. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish the descriptive caption of this ordinance in the manner and for the length of time prescribed by the law as an alternative method of publication.

This ordinance shall become effective after its approval and adoption upon first and final reading and its publication pursuant to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of August 2025.


 Frank Rodriguez III, CITY MANAGER
 ATTEST:



 Paul Casias, MAYOR


 Marina A. Cantu, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:


 Jesse Gonzales, Jr., CITY ATTORNEY

****** Denotes that the current information in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Stockton remains the same.**