

ORDINANCE NO. 3126

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX 1, FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TERRELL BY UPDATING SECTION 26, PARAGRAPHS (1) THROUGH (9) WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL PREVIOUS OUTDATED AND CONFLICTING FEE SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the current fee schedules for water and sewer connection charges are outdated and insufficient to recover installation and administrative costs associated with personnel, equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Terrell desires to continue providing customer service related to these connections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after careful consideration of the matter, hereby finds and declares that all connection and installation fees imposed upon residential and non-residential development should be equitable without imposing an unfair burden on such development and are in the best interest of the general welfare of the City and its residents by providing continued service for these installations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRELL, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS:

ARTICLE I.

THAT Appendix 1, Fee Schedule Ordinance of the City of Terrell, Section 26, Water and Sewer Connection Charges be amended and updated as follows:

Section 26. Water and sewer connection charges.

The amounts to be charged and collected by the City for the connection to the water and sewer mains and to the sanitary sewer system shall be as follows:

(1) Water meter set:

<i>Size of Meter</i>	<i>Amount of Charge</i>
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch and smaller	\$ 350
1 inch	\$ 400
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch	\$ 1,000
2 inch	\$ 2,000
3 inch and larger	Owner Responsibility

(2) Water Tap connection charges:

<i>Size of Connecting Line</i>	<i>Amount of Charge Without Paving</i>	<i>Amount of Charge With Paving Repairs</i>
1 inch	\$2,500	\$4,000
1 ½ inch	\$3,250	\$4,000
2 inch	Estimate Cost	Estimate Cost
Above 2 inch	Owner Responsibility	Owner Responsibility

Note: The cost for taps is based on connecting to water mains up to 6 ft. deep. An additional \$150 per vertical foot of depth will be charged for water mains deeper than 6 feet. This cost will be assessed up front, but the owner or developer may be charged an additional fee if field conditions prove to be different than the initial estimate of depth.

(3) Non-metered water service connection charges:

Quoted charge based upon the City Engineer's estimate of time and materials required for each individual service line. Generally, this is the responsibility of the owner or developer.

(4) Testing Water Meter Accuracy at the request of the account holder - charges:

Testing of Water Meter for accuracy \$250
Fee is required at initial meter accuracy request. If the meter is determined to be inaccurate (outside of the industry standard of +/- 2%), fee is to be refunded to the person that paid the fee. Residential customers receive one free water meter accuracy test per calendar year.

(5) Testing of Backflow by City charges:

Testing of Backflow Preventers \$500
Fee is required if property owner doesn't perform the required backflow tests and submit the results to the City of Terrell's Water Quality Group and City tests their backflow device as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

(6) Damage to Meter System Equipment

Owners and contractors associated with the water account shall be responsible for damage to City-owned equipment per the adopted Municode ordinance. Specific fees assessed to replace damaged metering equipment shall be:

Endpoint/Radio Housing \$ 75

Endpoint/Radio Cable	\$ 75
Endpoint/Radio (complete)	\$150
AMI Meter	\$350
Ally Meter	\$550
$\frac{3}{4}$ inch Meter Setter	\$300
1 inch Meter Setter	\$650
2 inch Meter Setter	\$1,200
18 inch or Smaller Meter Box	\$300
21 inch to 36 inch Meter Box	\$550
All other associated damage	At Cost

(7) Sanitary sewer service connection charges:

<i>Size of Connecting Line</i>	<i>Amount of Charge Without Paving</i>	<i>Amount of Charge With Paving Repairs</i>
4 or 6 inch	\$2,500	\$4,000
Above 6 inch	Estimate Cost	Estimate Cost

Note: The cost for taps is based on connecting to wastewater mains up to 6 ft. deep. An additional \$150 per vertical foot of depth will be charged for wastewater mains deeper than 6 feet. This cost will be assessed up front, but the owner or developer may be charged an additional fee if field conditions prove to be different than the initial estimate of depth.

(8) Boring installations:

When it is necessary to bore under any street or sidewalk for water or sewer main or service line installation greater than two inches, a charge shall be made for the actual cost of such installations plus 10%.

(9) Culvert installation fees:

Size of Pipe	Amount of Charge
12 inches & 17 inches	\$250 per foot
18 inches to 24 inches	\$300 per foot
Over 25 inches	Estimate Cost

ARTICLE II.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

ARTICLE III.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Terrell, Texas that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not effect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections.

ARTICLE IV.

All other provisions of Appendix 1 not expressly modified by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE V.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage and the publication of the caption as the law in such cases provides.

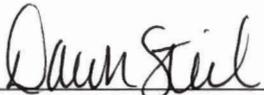
PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 30th day of September, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this the 7th day of October, 2025.



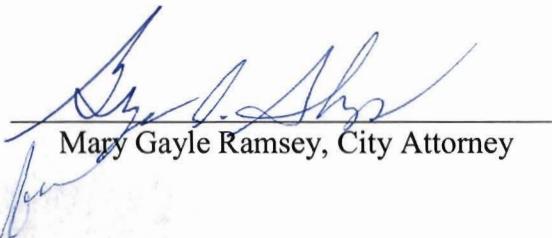
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ATTEST:


Dawn Steil

Dawn Steil, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:


Mary Gayle Ramsey

Mary Gayle Ramsey, City Attorney

