

## **ORDINANCE 2024-29**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, AMENDING THE LOCKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 58, UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, 58-108(c), ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF CHARGES" BY AMENDING SEWER RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lockhart City Council has determined based on the recommendation of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. that the city wastewater rates need to be revised to recover costs for wastewater debt payments, and maintenance and operations of supplying residential and non-residential wastewater services to its customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lockhart City Council has determined that new rates are necessary for the future of the community and the costs of wastewater services and debt obligations must be met by a fixed service charge and rates for usage as allowed by state law and approved by the City Council in open session; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lockhart City Council finds that this ordinance serves a public purpose by providing for the wastewater collection and treatment for future city growth and use, and that is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS:**

Chapter 58, Utilities, Section 58-108(c) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lockhart, Texas, are hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Sec. 58-108. - Schedule of charges.**

(c) The following schedule of charges for residential and non-residential customers will be implemented effective with the first sewer bill rendered from and after final passage of this section. The monthly fixed service charge and the consumption charge is to be for the payment of the expenses associated with the costs of operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection and treatment system and debt service for treatment plant operations.

## Schedule "A"

### **Residential Fixed Charge**

<i>Meter Size</i>	<i>Effective for utility 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cycle of November 2024</i>	<i>Effective for utility 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cycle of November 2025</i>
5/8"	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.34
1"	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.34
1-1/2"	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.34
2"	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.34
3"	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.34
4"	\$ 19.75	\$ 20.34

### **Non Residential Fixed Charge**

<i>Meter Size</i>	<i>Effective for utility 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cycle of November 2024</i>	<i>Effective for utility 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cycle of November 2025</i>
5/8"	\$ 24.35	\$ 25.08
1"	\$ 24.35	\$ 25.08
1-1/2"	\$ 24.35	\$ 25.08
2"	\$ 24.35	\$ 25.08
3"	\$ 24.35	\$ 25.08
4"	\$ 24.35	\$ 25.08

### **Variable Charge for Residential and Non Residential**

<i>Per Thousand Gallons</i>	<i>Effective for utility 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cycle of November 2024</i>	<i>Effective for utility 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cycle of November 2025</i>
Tier 0 (0-1,999)	\$ -	\$ -
Tier 1 (2+)	\$ 5.94	\$ 6.12

II. Repealer: All other ordinances, section, or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of Lockhart in conflict with the provisions set out above in this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as indicated.

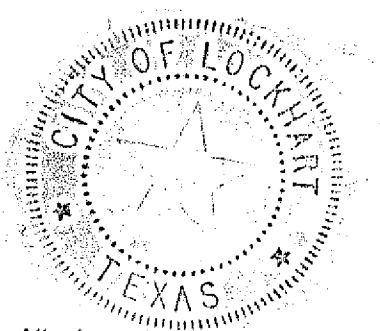
III. Publication: The City Secretary is directed to cause the caption of this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation according to law.

IV. It is hereby officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open in the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

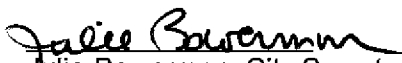
V. Severability: If any provision, section, clause, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or un-enforced, the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or its application shall not be affected, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance that no portion, provision, or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by way of reasons of any unconstitutionality or invalidity or any other portion, provision or regulation.

VI. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective with the second utility billing cycle in November 2024.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOCKHART, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 17 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

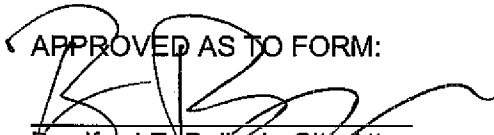


Attest:

  
Julie Bowermon, City Secretary

**CITY OF LOCKHART**

  
Lew White, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
Bradford E. Bullock, City Attorney