

ORDINANCE # 01-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, TEXAS ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF MARION, TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF CONVIENENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) FOR EACH UTILITY; PROVIDING FEES FOR SERVICES PERTAINING TO CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION; PROVIDING FEES FOR WATER CONNECTION TO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER CLAUSES, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Water Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter D, the Marion City Council has regulatory authority with original jurisdiction over the rates, operations and services of its water utility; and

WHEREAS, the Marion City Council has determined after having considered all necessary data that new water rates, fees and charges are necessary from time to time in order to provide sufficient utility services to customers; and

WHEREAS, the Marion City Council wishes to revise the City's water rates, fees and charges based upon the provisions of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Marion City Council finds that the new water rates, fees and charges herein are just and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARION, TEXAS THAT:

1. FINDINGS OF FACT.

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact.

2. WATER UTILITY SERVICE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES: The

following water utility rates, fees and charges are hereby adopted:

(a) Residential Customers.

Residential customers shall pay a Base Rate and applicable Usage Rates as billed monthly for water utility service as follows:

(1) Base Rate of \$35.85 per month for connection to the City's Public Water System; and

(2) Usage Rates:

- (i) \$5.19 for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 0 - 3,000 gallons;
- (ii) \$5.45 for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 3001 - 10,000 gallons;

- (iii) \$5.99 charge for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 10,001 - 13,000 gallons;
- (iv) \$6.25 charge for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 13,001 - 20,000 gallons;
- (v) \$7.28 charge for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 20,001 - 50,000 gallons; and
- (vi) \$7.54 charge for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption above 50,000 gallons.

(b) Commercial Customers.

Commercial customers shall pay a Base Rate and applicable Usage Rates as billed monthly for water utility service as follows:

(1) Base Rate of \$42.00 per month for connection to the City's Public Water System; and

(2) Usage Rates:

- (i) \$5.88 for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 0 - 3,000 gallons; or
- (ii) \$6.14 for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 3,001 - 9,000 gallons; or
- (iii) \$6.67 for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 9,001 - 13,000 gallons; or
- (iv) \$6.93 for each 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 13,001 - 20,000 gallons; or
- (v) \$7.93 per 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption from 20,001 - 50,000 gallons; or
- (vi) \$8.19 per 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, of water consumption above 50,000 gallons.

3. SERVICE INSPECTION, DISCONNECTION, AND CONNECTION FEES:

(a) Fees for Customer Water Service Inspection: Fees for customer water service inspections for inside and outside the city limits of Marion shall be \$100.00 for residential and \$150.00 for commercial customers, due at the time of issuance of a building permit or tap fee payment.

(b) Disconnection and Reconnection Fees: If a water customer has been disconnected for non-compliance, or disconnected due to non-payment, a fee of \$50.00 for residential and \$75.00 for commercial customers to disconnect the customer water service, and \$50.00 for residential and \$75.00 for commercial customers to reconnect water service, will be charged.

4. FEES FOR WATER CONNECTION TO PROPERTY.

These fees are to connect water services to property from either side of a public right of way, such as a road, highway, or thoroughfare.

(a) If the property to be connected is on the same side of the right of way as the City's Public Water System, then a fee of \$1,250.00 will be charged to connect to the Public Water System.

(b) If the property to be connected is on the opposite side of the right of way from the City's Public Water System such that the connection to the Public Water System requires a water line to cross the right of way, then a fee of \$2,250.00 will be charged at the time of acquiring a building permit for property within the city limits; and at the time of payment of the tap fee for property outside the city limits.

(c) If additional water line is required for service connection, the customer shall pay for the additional costs. All costs associated with connecting to the Public Water System on private property shall be borne by the property owner/developer.

5. SEVERABILITY.

It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance or the applications thereof, which can be given effect without the invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

6. REPEALER.

All other ordinances, sections, or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of Marion in conflict with the provisions set out above in this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as indicated. Specifically, Ordinance number 11-17 are hereby superseded and repealed by the terms of this Ordinance as applicable.

7. STATEMENT OF INTENT.

The City Secretary is directed to send a statement of intent to each ratepayer at least thirty-five (35) days before the effective date of this Ordinance and the proposed rate changes contained herein in accordance with Section 13.1871 of the Texas Water Code.

8. PUBLICATION.

The City Secretary is directed to publish, or cause to be published, this ordinance caption in a newspaper of general circulation according to Texas law.

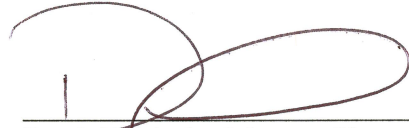
9. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC.

It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

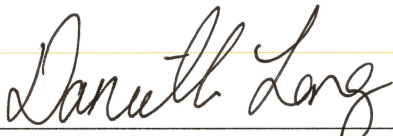
This ordinance shall become effective on the 15th day of March, 2026, which is the first day of a billing period.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marion, Texas on this 5th day of January, 2026.



Daniel Loyola, Mayor, City
of Marion, Texas

ATTEST:



Danielle Long, Interim City Secretary
