



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

1st Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 2, 2025
2nd Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 9, 2025

DATE: September 2, 2025

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Utility Taps and Connections

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Sections 55-70 and 55-71 to update water and wastewater utility tap fees as follows: to require payment in full upon application; to provide that commercial taps will be installed by contractor; to provide that right-of-way fees and street cut costs are not included and are separately charged from the tap fee; to establish meter set fees when the developer has installed the service line; to provide that water and wastewater utility tap fees will be determined based upon time, cost of work and materials, effective January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY:

This amendment will adjust tapping fees for water and wastewater services within the city limits or its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The adjustments are needed to recover the actual cost of providing this service to our customers. New fees to take effect January 1, 2026

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Corpus Christi Water, as a service to its customers, installs residential water and wastewater taps, and sets all water meters. The cost of these services is recovered through tapping and meter fees paid to development services during the permitting process. Water taps that are greater in 2" in size and commercial water and wastewater taps are installed by an approved contractor and paid for directly by the customer.

As part of 2025-26 budget analysis, water and wastewater tapping fees along with meter sets were evaluated using historical work orders and their associated costs. Upgrades to both the Maximo Enterprise Asset Management software and departmental operating procedures have allowed Corpus Christi Water to better manage and track the cost allocations associated with these various tasks. Based on this information, it was determined that adjustments to the ordinance and the associated tapping and meter fees were warranted.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not authorize the amendment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The amendments will go into effect on January 1, 2026. The fiscal impact for Corpus Christi Water in FY 26 is \$232,500 in anticipated additional Water revenue for the utility tap fees.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 4010 – Water Fund
Organization: 30000 – Water Admin
Department: 45 - Water
Account: 324271 - Tap Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommend approval of this amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance Sections 55-70 and 55-71.