

One reading ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Sections 55-687, 55-688, and 55-697 to re-establish a street maintenance fee and update the street user rate, effective January 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi established the street maintenance fee in order to protect the citizenry from the deterioration of the quality and safety of the street system;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the public health and safety to re-establish a street maintenance fee in order to provide a properly maintained road system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will re-establish a schedule of street maintenance fees subject to the limitations of the state law to cover the costs to the City to provide maintenance of the street system.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The Corpus Christi Code Sections 55-687, 55-688, and 55-697 are repealed and replaced by adding the following language as delineated below:

Sec. 55-687. – Residential property.

The director shall determine the fee for residential benefitted property on the basis of factors that include the trip generation rate published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers for residential use of the property.

The fee for residential benefitted property shall be on the basis of a set fee per dwelling unit.

For a residential benefitted property, each month a customer shall pay an amount equal to the following:

~~\$5.38~~ \$6.67 x (1 ERU) x 1.00 (TF) = Monthly Bill (Single-family)

~~\$5.38~~ \$6.67 x (1 ERU) x 0.45 (TF) = Monthly Bill (Multifamily)

Sec. 55-688. – Nonresidential benefitted property.

The director shall determine the fee for nonresidential benefitted property on the basis of factors that include the trip generation rate published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers for the land uses allowed.

For a nonresidential benefitted property, per meter, each month, a customer shall pay an

amount equal to the following:

~~\$5.38~~ \$6.67 x (SF/1,500 SF) x TF = Monthly Bill

The director shall determine the square footage for a nonresidential benefitted property based upon building square footage of property as recorded by the Nueces County Appraisal District. If appraisal district records are unavailable, the director may determine the size of a nonresidential benefitted property from the best available information.

Where the square footage for a nonresidential benefitted property exceeds one hundred eighteen thousand (118,000) square feet on a per meter basis, the director will consider and determine the square footage for that property to be one hundred eighteen thousand (118,000) square feet per meter.

Where an individual business has multiple meters on an individual lot or parcel that in total exceeds the cap on square footage, the director shall calculate the fee for that business as if they had a single meter. This paragraph does not apply to properties or meters that serve multiple businesses.

Where the trip factor for a nonresidential benefitted property exceeds 5.78, the director will consider and determine the trip factor to be 5.78.

Where multiple water meters exist on the property, square footage will be distributed among the meters using the best available information.

Sec. 55-697. - Effective period.

The ordinance codified in this article takes effect on January 1, 2026. ~~immediately upon its passage and continues for ten (10) years after January 1, 2014 . The ordinance ceases to have effect on January 1, 2024 , unless further council action is taken to extend the ordinance.~~

SECTION 2. This section constitutes a written request by the mayor or majority of the members of the Council for this ordinance to be passed finally on the date of introduction due to emergency. The City Council finds and declares an emergency due to the need for immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of City affairs; and suspends the City Charter rule that requires consideration of and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings so that this ordinance is passed and takes effect upon first reading as an emergency measure.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary