

**Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-709 Drainage Utility Charge to update the storm water drainage charges, effective January 1, 2026.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2021, the City Council created a Municipal Drainage Utility System as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 552, Subchapter C, "Municipal Drainage Utility Systems," as amended (the "Act"), within the City's municipal boundaries and levied charges related thereto;

**WHEREAS**, city staff has studied the cost of operating the Municipal Drainage Utility System during the last year and has determined that the Municipal Drainage Charges set forth in Section 55-709 of the City Code should be amended to reflect current costs of operating a municipal drainage utility system for the citizens of Corpus Christi, Texas.

**WHEREAS**, notice of the proposed increase in storm water drainage fees as set out in this ordinance has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in advance of a public hearing before the City Council to be held on **September 2, 2025**, regarding this ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that (1) this ordinance establishes a schedule of drainage charges against all real property in the City's service area, (2) the City will provide drainage for all real property in the City's service area on payment of drainage charges, except real property exempted under Chapter 552 of the Act, and (3) the City will offer drainage service on nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and equitable terms.

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

**SECTION 1.** The above and foregoing recitals and premises to this ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council of Corpus Christi hereby levies the Schedule of Drainage Charges applicable to all non-exempt property owners in the City's service area for the collection, handling and transportation of stormwater drainage and runoff in accordance with the ordinance that created the City's Municipal Drainage Utility System.

**SECTION 3.** Corpus Christi Code Section 55-709 Drainage Utility Charge is amended as follows:

**“Sec. 55-709. - Drainage Utility Charge.**

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**TIERED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DRAINAGE FEES:**

	Estimated Impervious Area	Equivalent Residential Unit	<del>FY 2025</del> FY 2026
Tier 1	Less than 3,000 sq. ft.	0.75	<del>\$7.74</del> \$8.69
Tier 2	3,000 sq. ft.- 4,500 sq. ft.	1.00	<del>\$10.32</del> \$11.59
Tier 3	Greater than 4,500 sq. ft.	1.75	<del>\$18.06</del> \$20.28

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**NON-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (COMMERCIAL) RATE:**

Type of Use (Non-Single-Family Commercial)	<del>YR 2025</del> FY 2026
Non-Single Family Rate (Commercial)	<del>\$10.32 per unit</del> \$11.59 per unit

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**SECTION 4.** All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Corpus Christi in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Corpus Christi not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect on **January 1, 2026**, at which time the rates described herein will apply to all properties subject to the Drainage Utility Charge.

Introduced and voted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

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Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary