

**Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-54 to update water utilities laboratory charges effective January 1, 2026**

**SECTION 1.** Section 55-54 of the Corpus Christi Code is amended to delete the struck-through text and insert the underlined text shown as follows:

**Sec. 55-54. Water utilities laboratory charges.**

- (a) The following fees apply to tests performed at the city's water utilities laboratory for other government agencies and private parties:

<u>NELAP Accredited</u> Parameters	Fee
Total Coliform <del>and E. coli (Presence / Absence)</del>	\$ <del>20.00</del> <u>17.00</u>
Fecal Coliform <del>(Membrane Filtration)</del>	\$ <del>30.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
Escherichia coli (E. Coli) <del>(Most Probable Number)</del>	\$ <del>20.00</del> <u>17.00</u>
Enterococci <del>(Most Probable Number)</del>	\$ <del>20.00</del> <u>17.00</u>
Hexane Extractable Material (HEM)	\$50.00
Total Organic Carbon <del>(TOC)</del>	\$ <del>40.00</del> <u>35.00</u>
<del>Specific Ultra-Violet Absorption (SUVA)</del>	<del>\$35.00</del>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	\$ <del>35.00</del> <u>30.00</u>
<del>Carbonaceous</del> <u>Carbonaceous</u> Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD)	\$ <del>35.00</del> <u>32.00</u>
<u>Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$ <del>20.00</del> <u>15.00</u>
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	\$ <del>25.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	\$ <del>45.00</del> <u>35.00</u>
<u>Dissolved Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen</u>	<u>\$55.00</u>
<del>Nitrite and Nitrate as N Total Nitrate — Nitrogen</del>	\$25.00
<u>Nitrite and Nitrate as N (High Salinity)</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<del>Ammonia as N Total Ammonia — Nitrogen</del>	\$25.00
Total Phosphorus	\$ <del>30.00</del> <u>25.00</u>
Dissolved Phosphorus	\$ <del>40.00</del> <u>30.00</u>
<del>Total Nitrite Nitrogen</del>	<del>\$25.00</del>
Chloride	\$ <del>20.00</del> <u>12.00</u>
<del>UV-254</del>	<del>\$20.00</del>
<del>pH</del>	<del>\$5.00</del>
Total Alkalinity	\$ <del>25.00</del> <u>\$10.00</u>
Conductivity	\$ <del>15.00</del> <u>\$10.00</u>
Dissolved Organic Carbon <del>(DOC)</del>	\$ <del>45.00</del> <u>37.00</u>
<del>Turbidity</del>	<del>\$10.00</del>
Total Hardness	\$ <del>25.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
Sulfate <del>Ion Chromatography</del>	\$ <del>25.00</del> <u>20.00</u>

Bromide <del>Ion Chromatography</del>	\$20.00
Fluoride <del>Ion Chromatography</del>	\$20.00
Chloride <del>Ion Chromatography</del>	\$20.00
<u>Orthophosphate</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Chlorite</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Nitrite <del>Ion Chromatography</del>	<del>\$20.00</del>
Nitrate <del>Ion Chromatography</del>	<del>\$20.00</del>
Heterotrophic Plate Count	\$15.00

<u>TCEQ Approved Parameters</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>UV 254</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
<u>Calcium</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<u>Turbidity</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>pH</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>

<u>Non-Accredited Parameters</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Fecal Coliform (Most Probable Number)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Specific Ultra-Violet Absorption (SUVA)</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Heterotrophic Plate Count</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
<u>Total Coliform (Most Probable Number)</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

- (b) If a test or laboratory fee is requested that is not listed in subsection (a) of this section, the water utilities laboratory should charge a fee that recovers the city's labor, material, and equipment costs.
- (c) The city manager may waive fees in the interest of public safety or as the city's contribution to a project in which the city is involved.

(Ord. No. 027781, § 3, 7-22-2008; Ord. No. 029158, § 2, 7-26-2011; Ord. No. 030295, § 2, 9-23-2014)

**SECTION 2.** If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance takes effect on January 1, 2026.

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