

**Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-159.1 regarding non-mandatory drought surcharge exemption fee, effective January 1, 2025**

**Whereas**, the non-mandatory drought surcharge exemption fee was established by Ordinance 031533 which took effect October 1, 2018;

**Whereas**, per Ordinance 031533, the fee shall be reviewed and adjusted by City Council action no more frequently than every five years and any subsequent fee increase is limited to increases based upon changes to the following Consumer Price Index: CPI-All Urban Consumers (Current Series) for water and sewer and trash collection services in U.S. city average, all urban consumers;

**Whereas**, the City Council finds that the proposed fee increase is just and reasonable and meets requirements of Ordinance 031533;

**Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council for the City of Corpus Christi, Texas:**

**Section 1.** The City Council specifically finds that the foregoing statements included in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct and adopts such findings for all intents and purposes related to the authorization of this ordinance.

**Section 2.** That the City Code, Section 55-159.1 – Non-mandatory drought surcharge exemption fee, is amended to revise the fee as shown in redline text as follows on attached and incorporated **Exhibit A**.

**Section 3.** The fee as amended by this Ordinance are determined to be just and reasonable. In addition, the fee is not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory but are sufficient, equitable, and consistent in application to each class of customers.

**Section 4.** 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 5.** Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

**Section 6.** This rates as amended by this ordinance take effect January 1, 2025.

Introduced and voted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED and APPROVED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST:

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Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

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Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary