

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-56 to update temporary construction water service charges effective January 1, 2026.

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

SECTION 1. Section 55-56 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances is amended to delete the struck-through text and insert the underlined text shown as follows:

Sec. 55-56. Temporary construction water service.

- (a) The city manager or designee may authorize the use of fire hydrants or other connections to the city's water distribution system or water supply system for temporary water service, including, but not limited to, for construction and exploration and development of natural resources, such as oil or natural gas.
- (b) Temporary water service customers shall post a ~~six hundred dollar (\$600.00)~~ one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1500) deposit to cover the costs that the city will incur for a replacement meter. If the meter is returned to the city, the customer will receive a one thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1475.00) ~~five hundred ninety dollar (\$590.00)~~ refund on the deposit, and be charged a ~~tenttwenty five~~ one hundred twenty five dollar (\$~~1025.00~~ 125.00) set fee.
- (c) The temporary water service customer shall pay an application fee to cover the costs of establishing the temporary account, placing the meter, and installing and testing any required backflow preventer. The temporary water service application fees are:
 - (1) Inside city limits \$150.00
 - (2) Outside city limits \$150.00
- (d) The temporary water service customer shall pay the applicable water service rates in section 55-50. In addition, to paying the applicable water service rates, a temporary water service customer shall pay one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month to lease the temporary water meter.
- (e) If the customer request relocation of the temporary meter, the customer shall pay a one hundred twenty-five dollar (\$125.00) meter movement fee, which includes the costs of testing the backflow preventer.
- (f) If a customer moves a temporary water service meter, the customer shall pay a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) meter tampering charge, plus the costs of any broken parts, including chains, locks, and seals. This tampering charge does not offset any penalties for operating without a tested backflow preventer.

(Ord. No. 028686, § 3, 7-20-2010; Ord. No. 029158, § 3, 7-26-2011)

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. Publication will be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi. 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:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary