

An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2023-9-19 codified as Sections 21-135, 21-136 and 21-147, of Article IV, Service Charges Generally, of Chapter 21, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, to increase the fee schedules for water and sewer services effective October 1, 2024, adding a fee schedule for fire hydrant uses inadvertently deleted in a prior ordinance amendment, and providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, a savings clause, and an effective date.

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2023, the City Council of the City of Plano enacted Ordinance No. 2023-9-19 codified as Sections 21-135, 21-136 and 21-147, of Article IV, Service Charges Generally, of Chapter 21, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano to amend the fee schedules for water and sewer services provided in the City; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends amending the above-referenced fee schedules as costs for water and sewer services have increased; and

WHEREAS, Staff also recommends adding a fee schedule for fire hydrant uses that was inadvertently deleted from the Code of Ordinances in a prior amendment; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the presentation and the recommendations contained therein, the City Council is of the opinion that the water and sewer rates for both residential and non-residential customers should be increased by variable rates depending on volumetric usage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds and determines that the fee increases are necessary and in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. Section 21-135, Sewer Charges-Residential, of Article IV, Service Charges Generally, of Chapter 21, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 21-135. Sewer charges - Residential.

Rates effective October 1, 2024

Monthly sewer charges for the residential connections to the sanitary sewer collection system shall be based upon the minimum charge and the metered water amounts and shall be as follows:

- (1) Monthly sewer charges for residential connections to the sanitary sewer collection system shall be based upon the minimum charge and the **winter quarter average calculations.**

- a. Winter quarter averaging is a method for determining residential sewer use based on winter quarter averages from up to 3 consecutive winter periods. The winter average for each year is calculated based on the water consumption during a minimum of 3 billed winter months or the 3 lowest of the 4 billed winter months (December, January, February, and March).
 - b. To determine the 3 year average, the calculated averages for each year will be combined and divided by 3.
 - c. Residential customers whose water account has been established for less than 3 winter periods will be assessed based on the period of average for 1 or 2 years.
 - d. Residential customers, whose water account has not been established for at least 3 billed months of the current winter period, will be charged based upon the average three-year residential winter quarter average citywide until an accurate winter average is available.
- (2) **All residential.** (Includes but is not limited to single family homes, individually metered multi-family units, patio homes, town homes and all other separately metered residential dwellings).
- a. Minimum charge.
 - 1. All meter sizes..... \$20.10
 - b. Consumption charges.
 - 1. First 1,000 gallons included in meter charge (minimum bill).
 - 2. All over 1,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons) \$7.95
 - c. There will be no sewer charges for water consumed through separately metered landscape irrigation systems."

Section II. Section 21-136, Sewer Charges-Non-Residential, of Article IV, Service Charges Generally, of Chapter 21, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 21-136. Sewer charges-Non-residential.

Rates effective October 1, 2024

Monthly sewer charges for non-residential connections to the sewer collection system shall be based upon the size of the water meter and the metered water amounts and shall be as follows:

- (1) **All non-residential.** (Includes but is not limited to commercial, schools, churches, homeowners associations, mobile home park, industrial, apartment complexes, cooling towers and any other non-residential use).

- a. Minimum charge
 1. Up to 3/4 inch \$20.10
 2. 1 inch 39.10
 3. 1 1/2 inch 70.80
 4. 2 inch 108.90
 5. 3 inch 210.30
 6. 4 inch 324.30
 7. 6 inch 641.30
 8. 8 inch 954.30
 9. 10 inch 1,465.40
- b. Consumption charges
 1. First 1,000 gallons included in meter charge (minimum bill).
 2. All over 1,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons) \$7.95
- c. Maximum charge (cap) effective for commercial swimming pools is 12,000 gallons.
- d. There will be no sewer charges for water consumed through separately metered landscape irrigation systems.”

Section III. Section 21-147, Water Charges, of Article IV, Service Charges Generally, of Chapter 21, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 21-147. Water charges.

Rates effective October 1, 2024

- (1) All **residential**. (Includes but is not limited to single family homes, and separately metered multi-family units, patio homes, town homes, condominiums and all other residential dwellings.)

- a. Minimum charge.
 1. Up to 3/4 inch..... \$28.89
 2. 1 inch..... 28.89
 3. 1 1/2 inch..... 137.50
 4. 2 inch..... 217.00
- b. Consumption charges.
 1. First 1,000 gallons included in meter charge (minimum bill).
 2. 1,001 – 5,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... \$2.20
 3. 5,001 – 20,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... 4.70
 4. 20,001 – 40,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... 9.40
 5. All over 40,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... 11.30

(2) All **non-residential**. (Includes, but is not limited to commercial, schools, churches, homeowners associations, mobile home parks, industrial, apartment complexes, cooling towers and any other non-residential use.)

a. Minimum charge.

1. Up to 3/4 inch.....	\$31.10
2. 1 inch.....	70.20
3. 1 1/2 inch.....	137.50
4. 2 inch.....	217.00
5. 3 inch.....	428.90
6. 4 inch.....	667.50
7. 6 inch.....	1,330.10
8. 8 inch.....	2,125.20
9. 10 inch.....	3,053.00

b. Consumption charges.

1. First 1,000 gallons included in meter charge (minimum bill).
2. All over 1,001 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... \$4.70

(3) **Separately metered irrigation use.**

a. Minimum charge.

1. Up to 3/4 inch.....	\$31.10
2a. 1 inch (Residential).....	31.10
2b. 1 inch (Commercial).....	70.20
3. 1 1/2 inch.....	137.50
4. 2 inch.....	217.00
5. 3 inch.....	428.90
6. 4 inch.....	667.50
7. 6 inch.....	1,330.10
8. 8 inch.....	2,125.20
9. 10 inch.....	3,053.00

b. Consumption charges.

1. First 1,000 gallons included in meter charge (minimum bill).
2. 1,001- 20,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... \$4.70
3. All over 20,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons)..... \$9.40

(4) **Fire Hydrant use:**

- a. Minimum charge (2-inch meter) \$95.20

b. Consumption charges

1. First 1,000 gallons included in meter charge (minimum bill)
2. All over 1,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons) \$2.45
3. Delinquent charge..... \$337.75"

Section IV. Any provision of any Ordinance of the City of Plano, codified or uncoded, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncoded, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section V. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section VI. The repeal of any Ordinance or part of Ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such Ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions of any Ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section VII. This Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 23rd day of September 2024.

John B. Muns, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY