



# City of Richmond

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## Special Scheduled City Commission Meeting (in person)

**600 Morton Street**

**Richmond, Texas 77406**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

And

**via Video/Telephone Conference call  
(pursuant to Texas Government Code,  
Section 551.125)**

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Mayor Rebecca K. Haas

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### AGENDA

*Any item on this posted agenda may be discussed in Executive Session provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.*

City Commission Meeting Agenda

August 24, 2021

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- A1. Call to Order, Quorum Determined and Meeting Declared Open.
- A2. Public comments (Public comment is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per item. No Deliberations with the Commission. Time may not be given to another speaker.)
- A3. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2021-17, Amending Water, Sewer, Surface Water Rates and Solid Waste Charges.
- A4. Review and discuss Fire Protection Fee Analysis.
- A5. Review and discuss FY 2021-22 Annual Budget Workshop to discuss any changes to the Budget.
- A6. Adjournment.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Agenda, the Commission shall determine that an executive session of the Commission, should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Agenda, then such executive session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Agenda concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.090 of the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, Section 551.071 – for purpose of consultation with attorney, on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

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If you have any questions, please let me know.  
Terri Vela



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- A3. Review and consider taking action on Ordinance No. 2021-17, Amending Water, Sewer, Surface Water Rates and Solid Waste Charges.



## ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CITY OF RICHMOND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08; ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER, WASTEWATER, SURFACE WATER, AND SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS AND ORDERING OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO RENDERING WATER, WASTEWATER, SURFACE WATER, AND SOLID WASTE SERVICE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The current charges and rate schedules set for water, wastewater, surface water, and solid waste service have been reviewed by the City Commission and such rates and regulations for customers inside and outside the city limits are in need of adjustment.

The Commission finds that the proposed charges and rate schedules for water, wastewater, surface water, and solid waste service are just and necessary for the city to recoup its costs for providing such services.

The Commission hereby repeals Ordinance No. 2019-13 dated April 19, 2019, and adopts the following; Now, Therefore,

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:**

Section 1. The monthly rates to be charged and collected by the City of Richmond, from all customers obtaining service from the City are hereby fixed as set forth below:

#### **(a) WATER RATES**

(1) Minimum Bill- all customers are assessed a minimum bill based on their meter size. See table below:

5/8" Meter	\$16.22 minimum monthly charge
1" Meter	\$22.71 minimum monthly charge
1.5" Meter	\$29.20 minimum monthly charge
2" Meter	\$47.05 minimum monthly charge
3" Meter	\$178.45 minimum monthly charge
4" Meter	\$227.12 minimum monthly charge
6" Meter	\$340.67 minimum monthly charge
8" Meter	\$470.45 minimum monthly charge
10" Meter	\$648.90 minimum monthly charge

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- (3) **Volumetric Rates** - Customers are also billed a fee based on their respective consumption amounts based on customer classification. See table below:

**Residential Volumetric Rates**

First 2,000 gallons (minimum)	See minimum bill table above
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 2,000	\$2.84 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 5,000	\$3.11 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 10,000	\$3.37 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 20,000	\$3.64 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 50,000	\$3.92 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 75,000	\$4.19 per 1,000 gallons

**Irrigation Volumetric Rates**

First 5,000 gallons	\$3.74 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 5,000	\$4.01 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 10,000	\$4.28 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 20,000	\$4.56 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 50,000	\$4.82 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 75,000	\$5.09 per 1,000 gallons

**Volumetric Rates for All other Classes**

Schools	\$1.70 per 1,000 gallons
Government	\$4.76 per 1,000 gallons
Cooling Towers	\$5.49 per 1,000 gallons
Commercial	\$2.53 per 1,000 gallons
Industrial	\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons

- (4) **Rates for Customer outside City Limits:** Not including those customers within developments with Strategic Partnership Agreements, the rates for customers outside the City of Richmond shall be two (2) times the City rate set forth above.

**(b) SURFACE WATER RATES**

A fee of \$2.69 per thousand gallons will be assessed as a groundwater reduction fee. This fee will be retained to meet the requirements set forth by the Fort Bend Subsidence District in reducing groundwater pumpage.

**(c) WASTEWATER RATES**

**(1) Residential Rates**

First 2,000 gallons (minimum)	\$23.10 Minimum Monthly Charge
Residential Senior Usage per 1,000 gallons over 2,000	\$18.10 Minimum \$3.47 Volumetric Rate

Residential Customer Wastewater Rates are determined by winter water consumption for months January, February, and March.

New customers, with no historical usage, are billed for wastewater usage at the City's overall winter water consumption.

**(2) Commercial Rates**

First 2,000 gallons (minimum)	\$23.10 minimum monthly charge
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 2,000	\$3.47 volumetric rate

Commercial Rates are billed based on monthly water consumption.

**(3) Rates for Customer outside City Limits:** Not including those customers within developments with Strategic Partnership Agreements, the rates for customers outside the City of Richmond shall be two (2) times the City rate set forth above.

**(d) RECLAIMED WATER RATES**

Unless provided in a specific agreement with another governmental entity, reclaimed water will be provided to customers at the discretion of the City. Customers who receive reclaimed water will be charged at a rate of \$1.68 per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

**(e) BULK WATER**

No deposit will be required for bulk water purchased at the City of Richmond City Hall. Bulk water customers will be charged \$5.15 per one thousand (1,000) gallons assessed for the usage of bulk water within city limits. At the discretion of the City of Richmond, a construction meter may be set for construction purposes with a deposit of a minimum of \$500.

**SECTION 2. SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATES**

Single family residential per month \$21.00  
Charges for Special Services as provided in waste hauling contract.  
Single family residential service outside the City of Richmond shall be two (2) times the per month set forth above.



Multi-family residential. Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pickups including charges for overfilled containers and extra pickups; at a rate consistent with 15% above the cost to provide service, as provided in the waste hauling contract.

Shops and small business establishments. Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pickups at a rate consistent with 15% above cost to provide service, as set forth in the waste hauling contract.

All others, including large shops, stores, restaurants, and other commercial businesses. Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pickups at a rate consistent with 15% above cost to provide service, as set forth in the waste hauling contract.

Dumpster rental rate. Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pickups, as set forth in the waste hauling contract.

Special Pickup At Cost + 15%

The rates established by this Section 2 are subject to adjustment as follows: The fees for the solid waste collection and disposal services, after February 2023 and annually thereafter may be adjusted upward or downward to reflect changes in the cost of operations, as reflected by fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index.

The following series from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will be used in the calculation:

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Series Title: All items in Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX, urban wage earners and clerical workers, not seasonally adjusted

Series ID: CWURS37BSA0

Seasonality: Not Seasonally Adjusted

Survey Name: CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Measure Data Type: All items

Area: Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX

Item: All items

After February 2023 and annually thereafter (the "Rate Modification Date"), the fees shall be increased or decreased for the period beginning October 1st of that year. In the event that the BLS series report specified above is no longer published, updated, or otherwise hinders the calculation of the rate, the City may determine an alternative BLS report to use. In no case will the increase or decrease in the rates, based on the CPI, exceed 2.5%.

### **SECTION 3. FROZEN PIPES**

No deductions will be made for the time any service pipe may be frozen. No deductions will be made for running water to prevent pipes from freezing.

#### SECTION 4. DEPOSITS

The deposit required for **residential** services is **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)**. Senior citizens, age 65 years or above, shall be required to pay a deposit of **SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00)** for services. The deposit will be offset against any balance on the customer's account upon discontinuance, disconnection or termination of the account. The remainder of deposit, if any, shall be mailed to the customer. The amount of the required deposit for all commercial/industrial/ or combination residential and commercial/industrial service shall be based upon the estimated water, wastewater (sewer) and solid waste charges for two (2) months.

#### SECTION 5. DISCOUNTS

Persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years shall receive a discount of five dollars (\$5.00) on single-family residential water service and five dollars (\$5.00) on single family residential wastewater service, upon application to the utility billing department.

SECTION 6. City Manager or Finance Director shall have the authority to adjust monthly charges on water or wastewater due to excess usage from leakage on the customer side of connection. Adjustment will be calculated from the last twelve (12) months billing cycles and averaged. Adjustments will be limited to one (1) time, per calendar year, per customer. Customers who fill their swimming pools may call the city to request a reading of the water meter before they fill the pool and then once the pool has been filled for an adjustment to their wastewater bill.

SECTION 7. (a) All bills for services rendered by the water and wastewater systems ~~and for garbage collections~~ shall be paid monthly by the due date as shown. If the bill is not paid by the following month's bill, a 10 percent (10%) past due service charge will be assessed and a past due notice, requesting payment, will be sent to the customer—~~requesting payment~~. The customer may request a hearing with the [City Manager, or her designee](#), to determine if there are sufficient circumstances to warrant the failure to timely pay the outstanding bill. If such bill is not paid within five (5) days after the past due notice water service will be discontinued.

(b) All bills for **solid waste** collection and services shall be paid monthly by the due date as shown. If the bill is not paid by the following month's bill, a 10 percent (10%) past due service charge will be assessed and a past due notice, requesting payment, will be sent to the customer. If such bill is not paid within five (5) days after the past due notice **solid waste** service will be discontinued. Accumulation of **solid waste** will be treated as a nuisance under Article IV "Weeds and Rubbish," of Chapter 22 "Nuisances," of the Richmond Code.

#### SECTION 8. RECONNECT FEE

In the event of discontinuance of services an additional sum of **THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$35.00)** shall be charged for reconnection to the system.

#### SECTION 9. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

Where payment for any fine, fee, permit, license, service, or other item is required by this or any other ordinance or resolution of the City and such payment is made by check, a **THIRTY DOLLAR (\$30.00)** fee shall be charged if the check is returned for any reason by the issuer's bank.

Section 10. Repeal. Any ordinance or other part of any other ordinance in conflict herewith shall be and is hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 11. Severability. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Commission of the City of Richmond, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

Section 12. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and approval.

Passed and approved this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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Rebecca K. Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

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Gary W. Smith, City Attorney



## ORDINANCE NO. 2019-13

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CITY OF RICHMOND ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 AND ORDINANCE 2017-28 ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS AND ORDERING OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO RENDERING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE SERVICE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the current charges and rate schedules set for water, sewer and garbage have been reviewed by the City Commission and the rates and regulations for Water, Sewer, Surface Water rates, Bulk Water, and Garbage rates for customers inside and outside the city limits are in need of adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds that the proposed charges and rate schedules for water, sewer, surface water, and garbage are just and necessary for the city to recoup its costs for providing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission hereby repeals Ordinance No. 2016-04 and Ordinance 2017-28, adopted February 15, 2016 and October 2, 2017, respectively, and adopts the following; Now, Therefore,

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1" Meter	\$21.63 minimum monthly charge
1.5" Meter	\$27.81 minimum monthly charge
2" Meter	\$44.81 minimum monthly charge
3" Meter	\$169.95 minimum monthly charge
4" Meter	\$216.30 minimum monthly charge
6" Meter	\$324.45 minimum monthly charge

8" Meter	\$448.05 minimum monthly charge
10" Meter	\$618.00 minimum monthly charge

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Usage per 1,000 gallons over 20,000	\$3.47 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 50,000	\$3.73 per 1,000 gallons
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Usage per 1,000 gallons over 50,000	\$4.59 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 75,000	\$4.85 per 1,000 gallons

**Volumetric Rates for All other Classes**

Schools	\$1.62 per 1,000 gallons
Government	\$4.53 per 1,000 gallons
Cooling Towers	\$5.23 per 1,000 gallons
Commercial	\$2.41 per 1,000 gallons
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Additional Poly Carts	\$6.50 each per month
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**(e) DUMPSTER RENTAL RATE**

Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pickups.

Special Pickup

At Cost + 15%

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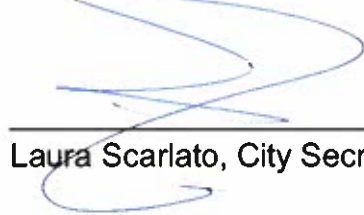
Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective June 1, 2019 after its adoption and publication.

Passed and approved this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.



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Evalyn Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Gary W. Smith, City Attorney



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A4. Review and discuss Fire Protection Fee Analysis.



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- A5. Review and discuss FY 2021-22 Annual Budget Workshop to discuss any changes to the Budget.

# FY22 Proposed Budget

Workshop



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# Fees



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# Proposed Utility Rates

- ▶ **City hasn't increase rates since June 1, 2019**
- ▶ **Rates are proposed to increase to fund capital improvement projects in water, wastewater and surface water (not new development)**
- ▶ **Rate increases are lower than proposed by the consultant in the original utility rate model study**
  - **Proposed rate increases for capital (not new development)**
    - **Water: 5%**
    - **Wastewater: 5%**
    - **Surface Water: 11%**
  - **Proposed target effective date: October 1, 2021**



# Utility Rate Model

## Water & Sewer CIP Capacity

### Revenue requirements under staff proposed CIP plan

Category	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
<b>Rate Increase</b>							
<b>Water</b>	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	6.00%
<b>Wastewater</b>	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	6.00%
<b>Surface Water</b>	11.00%	10.00%	9.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	6.00%
<b>Average Water, Sewer, Surface Water Bill</b>							
<b>(5,000 Water, 3,000 Sewer) Monthly Costs (current \$60.95)</b>	\$64.72	\$68.63	\$72.65	\$76.76	\$81.12	\$85.74	\$90.89
<b>Increase YOY</b>	\$3.77	\$3.91	\$4.02	\$4.11	\$4.36	\$4.62	\$5.14



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# Debt Funded Capital

Project Name	2022 Budget
Water Transmission line (from SW Plant)	2,858,000
Wastewater Treatment Plant GRP Reuse	\$840,000
Motor Control Rehabilitation	143,000
Well Rehabilitation at Edgar Water Well	57,000
<b>Total Certificates of Obligation</b>	<b>\$3,898,000</b>



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# Solid Waste Rates

- ▶ **No change to residential rate**
- ▶ **Commercial remains 15% above cost to provide service**
- ▶ **Solid waste violations can be managed through code enforcement (for terminations of service)**
- ▶ **Ordinance incorporates language from the contract for clarity**



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# Budget



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City of Richmond, Texas

# Key Initiatives

- ▶ **Extensive Salary Survey Recently Completed**
  - Budget includes results of this study
  - Allows City to maintain its No. 1 Asset: Employees
  - Provides for competitive wages
  - Allows the City to attract quality workforce
- ▶ **Fire Apparatus Replacement**
  - Will allow for a new fire apparatus to be replaced in the next 18 months (includes lead time to design & build)
  - Will wrap costs into future debt issue for developer reimbursement as values comes onto the tax roll
  - Planning continues for full apparatus replacement program



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# Changes to Budget

- ▶ **Staff is working to incorporate into the Adopted budget**
  - **Organizational Changes that strategically position the City**
  - **Property tax revenue (based on anticipated rate)**
  - **Fire fee revenue increase from the annual CPI adjustment**



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# Key Dates

Date	Description
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Workshop #1 Major Fund Revenues & Expenditures
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop #2 Tax Rate & Additional Budget Discussion
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fees/Budget Discussion
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Public Hearing on Budget
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Adopt Budget, Public Hearing on Tax Rate, Adopt Tax Rate, Ratify Tax Rate Increase (if necessary)



# Questions, Discussion or Comments



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A6. Adjournment.