

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING  
DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Ordinance # \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF BANDERA

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WHEREAS, the City of Bandera, pursuant to Subchapter A of Chapter 51, Texas Local Government Code, may adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the municipality and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of a municipality, pursuant to Subchapter A of Chapter 54, Texas Local Government Code, may enforce each rule or ordinance of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bandera, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 552.001(b), may purchase, construct, or operate a utility system and may regulate the system in a manner that protects the interests of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to ensure the prompt payment of delinquent utility accounts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bandera has entered into a contract with a private firm to provide services for the collection of debts and accounts receivable related to delinquent utility accounts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDERA THAT:**

There shall be imposed an additional fee of **THIRTY PERCENT (30%)** on all debts and accounts receivable, i.e.: fines, fees, restitution, other debts, and costs, that are more than sixty (60) days past due and have been referred to a private firm for collection, and that relate to delinquent utility accounts owed to the City ("Collection Fee").

This ordinance, and any Collection Fee authorized herein, shall not apply to or take effect against any eligible past due utility account until the ninetieth (90th) day after the date of this ordinance's adoption.

SIGNED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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DENISE GRIFFIN, MAYOR  
CITY OF BANDERA, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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JILL SHELTON  
CITY SECRETARY