



Item Brief

Meeting Date

May 27, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Ordinance No. 2025-21: D. Vaughn

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BURNET, TEXAS, AMENDING CITY OF BURNET CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 110 (ENTITLED "UTILITIES") BY ADJUSTING THE VOLUMETRIC WATER RATE; MINIMUM WATER RATE CHARGE; AND SEWER CHARGES; MOVING WATER AND SEWER CHARGES FROM CHAPTER 110 TO APPENDIX B (ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE"); PROVIDING CUMULATIVE, REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Information

The City's current volumetric water rates and minimum water charges have not been updated since 2011. Sewer charges were last adjusted in 2012. As part of ongoing financial sustainability and infrastructure support, the City Council has reviewed adjustments to both water and sewer rates to reflect increased service costs, operational demands, and long-term utility planning.

Ordinance No. 2025-21 makes several key updates to the City of Burnet's water and sewer utility rate structure and the way these fees are codified. The ordinance adjusts residential and commercial volumetric water rates, updates the minimum water charges based on meter size, and increases both the minimum and volumetric sewer rates. It also establishes new rates for sewer-only customers.

Utility fees located in Chapter 110 will now also be consolidated in Appendix B of the City Code for improved transparency, organization, and ease of future updates.

The ordinance introduces a two-phase rate implementation schedule, with the first rate adjustment taking effect on June 1, 2025, and a second increase scheduled for October 1, 2025.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated additional revenue generated after both rate increases are implemented is approximately \$950,000 a year.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. R2025-21 as presented.