

City of Dripping Springs

FY 2026–2027 Fee Schedule Amendment Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX A, ARTICLE A1.000 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), OF THE DRIPPING SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADOPTING REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027 FEE SCHEDULES FOR UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND THE STEPHENSON; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas (the **City**), finds that periodically reviewing and updating the City’s rates, fees, and charges promotes the orderly administration of City services and recovery of authorized costs; and

WHEREAS, City staff has presented proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 schedules for Utilities, Environmental Health, Parks and Community Services, and The Stephenson; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the revised schedules attached to this Ordinance are in the public interest, are intended to be implemented in connection with the City’s Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, and are subject to applicable state-law limitations and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authority to adopt and amend ordinances necessary or proper to carry out powers granted to the City by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City’s fee schedule accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas:

1. Findings of Fact

The recitals contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are adopted as findings of fact.

2. Amendment and Adoption of Fee Schedules

2.1 Amendment

- (a) Appendix A, Article A1.000 (General Provisions), of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances is amended by adopting the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 fee schedules attached to this Ordinance as provided for in this Ordinance.
- (b) The following exhibits are attached to and incorporated into this Ordinance.
 - (1) Exhibit A — Utilities Fee Schedule Amendments and Reference to Section 29.02.006, Fiscal Year 2026–2027
 - (2) Exhibit B — Environmental Health Fee Schedule (Non-Chapter 437 Fees), Fiscal Year 2027;
 - (3) Exhibit C — Parks and Community Services Master Fee Schedule, Fiscal Year 2027; and
 - (4) Exhibit D — The Stephenson Master Fee Schedule, Fiscal Year 2027.

2.2 Effect of Exhibits

Each exhibit listed in Section **Error! Reference source not found.** is adopted, incorporated into this Ordinance for all purposes, and controls the City’s rates, fines, fees, charges, deposits, discounts, and related payment requirements addressed in that exhibit.

2.3 Existing Fees Not Amended

- (a) The exhibits replace only the corresponding portions of the fee schedule previously in effect.
- (b) Unless City Council expressly adopts a final fee amount for that item in the executed exhibit, the corresponding fee previously in effect remains unchanged.

2.4 Excluded Items

- (a) Utilities rates and charges established in Section 29.02.006 of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances remain governed by that section unless expressly amended by this Ordinance.
- (b) No amendment to the North Hays County Fire Rescue fee schedule is made by this Ordinance. A future amendment may be considered after a final proposed fire fee schedule is submitted to the City Council.

2.5 Environmental Health Fees

Exhibit B adopts only the non-Chapter 437 Environmental Health fees and related provisions identified in that exhibit. The City shall administer those fees only to the extent authorized by applicable law. If a provision of Exhibit B conflicts with state law, state law controls, and the City shall not collect a fee that is not authorized by state law.

2.6 Chapter 437 Stakeholder-Notice, Feedback, and Return-to-Council Process

- (a) The City Council does not adopt or revise by this Ordinance any fee, permit, inspection protocol, or procedure governed by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437. The City Administrator, Environmental Health staff, City Secretary, and other appropriate City staff are directed to:
 - (1) establish and maintain the stakeholder email-update enrollment opportunity required by Texas Health and Safety Code Section 437.0127;
 - (2) prepare and publicly post proposed Chapter 437 fee, permit, inspection-protocol, and procedure changes;
 - (3) provide at least 60 days' email notice of the proposed changes to all stakeholders enrolled for the City's Chapter 437 email updates;
 - (4) receive, review, and evaluate stakeholder feedback submitted during the notice period;
 - (5) prepare final proposed Chapter 437 changes and recommendations for City Council that identify and take into account stakeholder feedback; and
 - (6) return to City Council for separate consideration of the final proposed Chapter 437 changes.
- (b) The Environmental Health fees adopted by Exhibit B are limited to non-Chapter 437 programs and shall be administered only to the extent authorized by applicable law.

3. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of the conflict. This Ordinance controls over a conflicting provision in a prior fee schedule concerning a matter expressly addressed in an adopted exhibit.

4. Severability

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or application of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions and applications shall remain in effect to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. Codification

The City Secretary is directed to maintain the fee schedules adopted by this Ordinance with Appendix A, Article A1.000, of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances and to make the adopted schedules available to the public in the manner required by law.

6. Publication

The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance or its caption to be published as required by applicable law.

7. Effective Date

- (a) This Ordinance may be adopted before adoption of the City's Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget. Except as provided by Sections 7.2 and 7.3, the fees and schedules adopted by this Ordinance take effect on October 1, 2026, after final passage and publication as required by law.
- (b) Implementation of a fee, rate, charge, deposit, discount, or policy adopted by this Ordinance is contingent on City Council adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget. If the City Council has not adopted that budget by October 1, 2026, the affected provisions take effect on the date the budget is adopted, unless City Council takes separate action establishing a different lawful effective date.
- (c) A fee subject to a state-law submission, registration, notice, waiting-period, approval, or other prerequisite takes effect only after the City completes that prerequisite. In particular, a fee schedule governed by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437 may not take effect before the period required by Texas Health and Safety Code Section 437.0124 has elapsed following the City's submission of the schedule to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

8. Proper Notice and Meeting

It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS

By: _____
Bill Foulds Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary

Exhibit A
Utilities Fee Schedule Amendments and Reference To Section 29.02.006
Fiscal Year 2026–2027

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Fiscal Year 2026–2027

All water and wastewater rates, impact fees, deposits, application fees, service fees, and other charges established by Section 29.02.006 of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances remain governed by that section, as amended. This Exhibit does not restate or amend a rate or charge already adopted in Section 29.02.006 unless expressly listed below.

Service or Fee	Adopted Fee
New Water Service Fees	
Meter Set Fee	\$100.00
5/8 inch × 3/4 inch Meter	\$215.00
3/4 inch × 3/4 inch Meter	\$240.00
1 inch × 1 inch Meter	\$290.00
1.5 inch × 1.5 inch Meter	\$675.00
2 inch × 2 inch Meter	\$955.00
LTE Endpoint	\$165.00
New Water and Wastewater Service Fees	
Tampering Fee	\$600.00 plus repair materials
Service Call After-Hours Fee — Private Issue	\$100.00; no fee if issue is on the public side rather than a private issue
No-Access Fee	\$50.00; charged when a City service call is made and a fence blocks the right-of-way
Late Payment Billing Fee	\$20.00/month
Residential irrigation permit	\$200.00

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Service or Fee	Adopted Fee
Stand-alone irrigation permit	\$200.00

Exhibit BEnvironmental Health Fee Schedule (Non-Chapter 437 Fees)
Fiscal Year 2027

1. General Provisions

- (a) Terms defined by applicable Texas statutes and rules have the meanings assigned by those authorities. If this Schedule conflicts with applicable state law, state law controls.
- (b) **Chapter 437 Requirements.** Fees for food establishments and temporary food establishments under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437 are subject to all applicable state fee limitations, notice, submission, and effective-date requirements.
- (c) **Mobile Food Vendors.** This Schedule does not impose a City food permit, fee, registration, or inspection requirement on a mobile food vendor or food vending vehicle licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 437B. Nothing in this provision limits enforcement of nonconflicting generally applicable City requirements or activities authorized by a collaborative agreement with DSHS or in response to a reported foodborne illness.
- (d) **Effective-Date Notation.** City staff shall add an administrative notation to the published version of this Schedule identifying the effective date of each Environmental Health fee or program change after all applicable state notice, submission, registration, approval, and waiting-period requirements have been completed. A Chapter 437 fee or change may not be shown as effective before the 60th day after the City submits the applicable fee schedule to the Texas Department of State Health Services, unless a later effective date is required by law. This notation is ministerial and does not amend a substantive provision of this Schedule.

Service	Fee
TCEQ On-Site Wastewater Treatment Research Council fee	\$10.00

2. On-Site Sewage Facilities

These fees apply only while, and to the extent that, the City is an authorized agent administering the OSSF program under a TCEQ-approved order, ordinance, or resolution.

Service	Fee
Single-family dwelling standard-system permit application, including three inspections	\$600.00

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Fiscal Year 2027

Service	Fee
Single-family dwelling engineer-designed system permit application, including three inspections	\$700.00
Commercial engineer-designed system permit application, including three inspections	\$850.00
Reinspection after failed inspection	\$150.00 per inspection
Waiver/variance request	\$500.00
Amendment/engineer adjustment after authorization to construct — single-family residential	\$250.00
Amendment/engineer adjustment after authorization to construct — commercial	\$450.00
Pre-application conference/meeting, by appointment, maximum one hour	\$180.00

3. Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Public Interactive Water Features or Fountains

Service	Fee
Public swimming pool annual operating permit	\$240.00 per pool
Public spa annual operating permit	\$210.00 per spa
Public interactive water feature or fountain annual operating permit	\$240.00 per feature
Reinspection	\$150.00 per additional reinspection
First filtration/treatment system for a public pool or spa within one enclosure	\$400.00
Each additional separate filtration/treatment system within the same enclosure	\$250.00
Separate enclosure, yard, or aquatic area requiring independent pool/spa plan review	\$400.00 base fee

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Service	Fee
PIWF plan review	\$400.00 per PIWF requiring health plan review
Second and each subsequent plan-review resubmittal	\$100.00
Major design revision	\$200.00
Certificate of occupancy/pre-opening inspection	\$200.00 per regulated aquatic facility
Requested design or consultation service outside normal permitting and inspection process	\$120.00/hour; one-hour minimum
Complaint investigation when it constitutes a City-authorized fee-based regulatory service	\$60.00

3.1 PIWF Cost Recovery

PIWF permit and inspection fees must be reasonable and may not exceed program costs. The City's auditor shall review the PIWF program at least once every two years and the City shall refund revenue determined to exceed program cost, as required by applicable law.

Exhibit C
Parks and Community Services Master Fee Schedule
Fiscal Year 2027

1. General Provisions

- (a) **Resident:** Residing address within the City limits.
- (b) **Non-Resident:** Residing address outside the City limits.
- (c) **Non-Profit:** As defined by ordinance.
- (d) Fees and deposits are due in full when staff approves the rental request, unless this Schedule states otherwise.
- (e) Credit-card and debit-card processing fee: no more than five percent of the payment, as defined by ordinance.
- (f) Service charge for a dishonored credit-card or debit-card payment: \$25.00.
- (g) NSF fee for returned checks: \$25.00.

2. Field Use Fees

Athletic fields may be used only for the purpose for which they were built unless the Parks and Community Services Director gives prior written approval. The refundable field or park-amenity deposit is \$100.00. Additional charges for trash pickup or damage may be assessed as determined by the Parks and Community Services Director after consultation with Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association when appropriate.

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Tournaments, Camps & Clinics
Athletic field use, hourly; two-hour minimum	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$125.00
Electricity/lights, hourly	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Adult softball league field use, per field per day	\$80.00	\$80.00	N/A
Adult softball league electricity/lights and scoreboard, per field per day	\$80.00	\$80.00	N/A

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3. Veterans Memorial Park and The Triangle

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Facility use fee, up to four hours	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
Refundable deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

4. Park Use Permit Fees

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Commercial activity permit, 90-day term, in addition to applicable rental fees	\$75.00	\$85.00	N/A

5. Founders Memorial Park Pool

5.1 Pool Entry Fees

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Daily entry — child, 4–11 years	\$6.00	\$8.00	N/A
Daily entry — teen/adult, 12–59 years	\$7.00	\$10.00	N/A
Daily entry — senior, 60 years and older	\$6.00	\$8.00	N/A
Summer pass — child, 4–11 years, and senior, 60 years and older	\$60.00	\$90.00	N/A
Summer pass — teen/adult, 12–59 years	\$75.00	\$100.00	N/A
Family summer splash pass — four or fewer persons	\$150.00	\$175.00	N/A
Family summer splash pass — up to eight persons	\$175.00	\$200.00	N/A

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5.2 Pool Rental Fees

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Pool rental, hourly; two-hour minimum	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Additional lifeguard, one per 25 persons over 50 attendees	\$50.00/hour per guard	\$50.00/hour per guard	\$50.00/hour per guard
Refundable deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

5.3 Park Pavilion Rental Fee

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Refundable deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hourly rate; two-hour minimum	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$175.00
Daily rate	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Lawn area, hourly; two-hour minimum	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Electricity, flat fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

5.4 Parking Lot Use Fee

The Parking Lot Use Fee applies at the City Administrator's direction when an event at or near Founders Memorial Park requires 50 percent, approximately 95 spaces, or more of total parking spaces. Public access must remain available unless City Council approves private parking through the special-event-permit process.

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Hourly rate	\$125.00	\$300.00	\$500.00

6. Community Service Programs

Special fees for clinics, workshops, and seasonal programming may be set by the Parks and Community Services Director and executed by the City Administrator.

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7. Special Event Permit Fees

Fee	Small	Intermediate	Large
Application fee	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Refundable special-event escrow deposit	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00

8. Film Permit Fees

Fee	Adopted Fee
Film permit fee	\$25.00
Total disruptive use of public building, park, right-of-way, or public area	\$500.00/day
Partial disruptive use of public building, park, right-of-way, or public area	\$250.00/day/block
Total enclosure or obstruction of public street or right-of-way, including parking lots and on-street parking	\$50.00/day/block
Partial closure or obstruction of public street or right-of-way, including parking lots and on-street parking	\$25.00/day/block
Use of City parking lots, parking areas, and City streets for parking film trailers, buses, catering trucks, and other large vehicles	\$50.00/day/block or lot

9. Non-Profit Event Triangle Banner Program

Fee	Adopted Fee
Banner placement fee	\$30.00

10. Itinerant Vendor Application Fee

Fee	Resident	Non-Resident & Non-Profit	Business or Organization
Itinerant vendor application fee	\$75.00	\$85.00	N/A

Exhibit D
The Stephenson Master Fee Schedule
Fiscal Year 2027

1. Facility Rental Options and Definitions

The Stephenson includes Multi-Use A; Multi-Use B, including the stage and staging kitchen; the Full Facility, including the stage and staging kitchen; and the Greenroom.

- (a) **Resident:** Residing address within the City limits.
- (b) **Non-Resident:** Residing address outside the City limits.
- (c) **Non-Profit:** As defined by ordinance.
- (d) **Consecutive Hours:** Rental time must be consecutive and include setup and breakdown time.
- (e) **Full Day Rental:** Up to 12 consecutive hours; additional hours may be added at the applicable hourly rate.
- (f) **Half Day Rental:** Up to six consecutive hours, plus up to two additional hours; maximum eight hours; non-peak days only.
- (g) **Meeting Rate:** Two to four consecutive hours; two-hour minimum; no catering or alcohol; intended for meetings only; non-peak days only; no additional discount.
- (h) **Peak:** Friday through Sunday.
- (i) **Non-Peak:** Monday through Thursday.

2. Payment of Fees and Deposits

Fee or Policy	Requirement
Non-refundable booking fee	\$250.00; due when staff approves rental request; credited toward room-rental fee
Refundable damage deposit	\$500.00; due in full within 120 days before event; damage or excess cleaning may be billed at actual cost plus 15 percent administrative fee
Room rental and additional fees	Due in full within 120 days before event; final charges may be adjusted for added or removed services

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Fee or Policy	Requirement
Cancellation policy	More than 120 days: refund less deposit; 30–120 days: 50 percent refund; fewer than 30 days: no refund
Credit/debit-card processing fee	No more than five percent, as defined by ordinance
Dishonored credit/debit-card payment service charge	\$25.00
NSF fee	\$25.00

3. Room Rental Fees

Rental Option	Business & Community Standard Event Rental	Celebrations & Receptions Full-Service Event Rental
Multi-Use A — full day, non-peak	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Multi-Use A — half day, non-peak	\$300.00	\$600.00
Multi-Use A — full day, peak	N/A	N/A
Multi-Use A — additional hours	\$40.00/hour	\$60.00/hour
Multi-Use B — full day, non-peak	\$900.00	\$1,800.00
Multi-Use B — half day, non-peak	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Multi-Use B — full day, peak	N/A	N/A
Multi-Use B — additional hours	\$70.00/hour	\$90.00/hour
Full Facility — full day, non-peak	\$1,400.00	\$2,400.00
Full Facility — half day, non-peak	\$800.00	\$1,800.00
Full Facility — full day, peak	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Full Facility — additional hours	\$100.00/hour	\$150.00/hour

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Rental Option	Business & Community Standard Event Rental	Celebrations & Receptions Full-Service Event Rental
Greenroom add-on — full day, non-peak	\$100.00	\$100.00
Greenroom add-on — half day, non-peak	\$60.00	\$60.00
Greenroom add-on — full day, peak	\$150.00	\$150.00
Greenroom add-on — additional hours	\$25.00/hour	\$25.00/hour

4. Meeting Rate

Rental Option	General	Non-Profit/Government
Multi-Use A	\$100.00	\$75.00
Multi-Use B, without staging kitchen	\$150.00	\$125.00
Full Facility, without staging kitchen	\$250.00	\$200.00
Greenroom	\$50.00	\$30.00

5. Custodial Fees

Rental Option	Business & Community Standard Event Rental	Celebrations & Receptions Full-Service Event Rental
Multi-Use A	\$150.00	\$300.00
Multi-Use B	\$220.00	\$370.00
Full Facility	\$260.00	\$450.00
Additional porter-service hours over four hours	N/A	\$60.00/hour
Greenroom	\$35.00	\$35.00
Meeting serving food or drink	\$35.00	\$35.00

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6. Additional Fees

Fee	Adopted Fee
Staff	\$30.00/hour per staff member
Table setup/breakdown	Determined by Manager
Bar rental	\$50.00
Holiday fee	20 percent additional fee per event booked on a City holiday or holiday weekend
After-hours fee	\$50.00/hour per staff member, plus hourly event-space charges; minimum two staff members onsite
Enhanced AV package	Fee determined by Manager based on event specifications
Audio/visual engineer	Fee determined by Manager based on event specifications
Pop-up vendor electrical, 110v	\$10.00/day
Extension cords	\$40.00/item/event

7. Rental Discount Rates

Discount	Adopted Terms
Resident discount	10 percent off room-rental rates only; may not be combined with another discount
Non-profit discount	25 percent off room-rental rates only; may not be combined with another discount
Business opportunities, non-peak	Manager may offer available space within 60 days at 50 percent of base rental fee, or unused event space booked 14 days or fewer in advance at \$75.00/hour, two-hour minimum and four-hour maximum
Opening-year discount	25 percent off room-rental rates only for rental dates before October 1, 2027; may not be combined with another discount