ORDINANCE No. 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO UTILITY CONNECTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CLAUSE; PENALTY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City has exclusive dominion, control and jurisdiction in, upon, over and under property owned by the City, and may provide for the improvement thereof by; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Texas has determined that the following section of the current Code of Ordinances should be amended.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. AMENDMENTS:
The findings set forth below are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance; with deletions struck through and additions in red italics:

CHAPTER 12; SECTION 51 – Sewer Assessment Fee
An assessment charge will be charged ~~to each person receiving waste water from the~~ *for each utility connection within the* city for the 2012 Waste Water Improvement/Replacement Project. This fee will be used only to defray the construction costs associated with the construction of this project. Upon completion and final payment of the costs associated with said project, the fee imposed shall automatically expire. The corresponding fee can be found in the City's Fee Schedule which is kept on file with the City Secretary.

CHAPTER 12; SECTION 121 – Establishment of Stormwater/Drainage Fee
Upon each separate ~~person~~ *utility connection* receiving water from the city, there is imposed a monthly storm water/drainage fee. The corresponding fee can be found in the City's Fee Schedule which is kept on file with the City Secretary. Revenue from this fee shall be used for the purpose of the creation, operation, planning, engineering, inspection, construction, repair, maintenance, improvement, reconstruction, administration, and other reasonable and customary charges associated with the storm water and management and drainage services throughout the city.

Section 2. ADDENDUM:
All items affected by this amendment shall be renumbered accordingly, to accommodate additions or deletions listed above.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE:
Any provision of any prior ordinance of the City whether codified or uncodified, which are in conflict with any provisions of the Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict, but all other provisions of the

ordinances of the City whether codified or uncodified, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE:
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 09th day of November, 2026

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Greg Ostertag, Mayor

Attest:

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Angie Pike, City Secretary