
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 20, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: _____

DATE: JULY 17, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP – Proposed Rate Ordinance Amendments

The following are proposed rate ordinance changes that are planned for inclusion in a Rate Ordinance amendment to be considered for a first reading at the August 10th regular council meeting.

CHAPTER 10 - ANIMALS

See attached memo from PLPD with proposed fees and conditions and examples of the fees charged by other cities.

CHAPTER 32 – PARKS AND RECREATION

- Currently the maximum length of stay for campers occupying the Hill sites is 6 months. The Parks Board is recommending an amendment to the rate ordinance to allow campers to request up to two (2) 90-day extensions beyond the initial maximum stay. Under this proposed amendment, campers who remain in good standing would have the opportunity to occupy the same site for up to one year. Approval of an extension would not be automatic but would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Each request would be evaluated based upon the camper's compliance with campground policies, including timely payment of fees, adherence to park rules and regulations and the overall condition of the RV campsite, as well as the current occupancy load of the RV park and any other factors deemed relevant by City staff. This amendment provides flexibility for responsible long-term campers that may otherwise choose not to stay at Lighthouses Beach Park because of the 6-month maximum stay.
- Provide free admission to Lighthouse Beach Park for disabled veterans, as recommended by the Parks Board.
- Establish a \$10.000 replacement fee for Lighthouse Beach Park access cards

The cost breakdown of these access cards is as follows:

Clamshell Proximity Card =	\$ 5.02
Adhesive Picture card =	\$ 0.37
Badge Holder =	\$ 0.47
Badge Reel Clips =	\$ 0.27
Staff Assembly Time =	<u>\$ 3.87</u>
Total Cost	\$10.00

CHAPTER 50 - UTILITIES

- Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Raw Water fee (current rate is \$15.91/ month)

The City of Port Lavaca has contracted with GBRA to provide an available committed volume 4,480 acre-feet of raw water annually (4.0 MGD). GBRA recently notified us that the cost per acre-foot is increasing from \$193.00 to \$202.00 effective September 1.

$$\text{\$202/acre-foot} \times 4480 \text{ acre-foot} = \text{\$904,960.00}$$

$$\text{\$904,960.00} / 4527 \text{ accounts} / 12 \text{ months} = \text{\$16.66/month}$$

Therefore it is proposed that the GBRA rate be amended to increase approximately 5% from the current \$15.91 to a new rate of \$16.66 as a pass through cost to generate adequate revenue to pay for the City's contractual raw water supply.

- Water and Sewer Rates: These will be discussed under agenda item 4.

Attachments:

- *PLPD memo regarding Animal Control Surrender Fee*



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Proposed Animal Control Surrender Fee Schedule
City of Port Lavaca Animal Control

Purpose:

The City of Port Lavaca Animal Control accepts animal surrenders from City residents and, when space and resources allow, from county residents. Surrender fees help offset the cost of intake, housing, food, vaccinations, medical care, staffing, cleaning supplies, and animal placement efforts.

Proposed Fees

Owner surrenders— \$25 per animal

Litter surrender — puppies or kittens under 6 months \$50 per litter

Immediate / walk-in surrender without appointment, if accepted Additional \$10

Animal pick-up fee, if Animal Control transport is requested and approved Additional \$20

Requested euthanasia, if accepted and approved by Animal Control Additional \$20

Additional Conditions

Surrenders are by appointment only, unless approved by Animal Control based on staffing, shelter capacity, and animal welfare concerns.

Surrender acceptance is not guaranteed. Acceptance may depend on available space, staffing, animal condition, legal restrictions, public safety concerns, and whether the animal is suitable for intake.

Fees are due at the time of surrender and are non-refundable once the animal is accepted into custody of Animal Control.

The Police Chief may waive or reduce fees when doing so is in the best interest of public safety, animal welfare, or shelter operations.

Victoria City/County Animal Shelter: Owner surrender fees are typically \$25 per animal or \$75 for a litter, with an additional euthanasia fee of \$25 if requested

City of Houston (BARC): Fees are \$40 for owner surrenders and \$20 for litters (puppies/kittens under 6 months).

City of Andrews, TX Dog or cat surrender Fee: \$25.00

Hood County, TX

Proof of Hood County residency is required, along with a surrender fee of \$30 for altered pets and \$60 for unaltered pets

City of Stratford

Surrender fee- All animals: \$50.00

Kerr County

Surrender Fees. With appointment per animal. \$50. Immediate/Walk in per animal. \$100

Lytle, TX

\$100 per animal

Garland, TX

\$25 surrender fee due the day of the appointment.

Azle, TX

\$25.00 surrender

Wichita falls

Single Animal - \$33.00

Littler Less than 4 Months Old with 3 or less animals (Mom charged as single animal) - \$44.00

Littler Less than 4 Months Old with 4 or more animals (Mom charged as single animal) - \$67.00

Animal Pick-up Fee (in addition to surrender fee) - \$16.00