
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

AGENDA ITEM _____

DATE: 8/30/22

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: SUSAN LANG, FINANCE DIRECTOR 

SUBJECT: CONSIDER INCREASE IN GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY (GBRA) FEE

The City of Port Lavaca has contracted with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) to reserve its full commitment of 4,480 A/F by fiscal year 2025. Currently, the City holds 2,688 A/F, and increases its commitment each year by 448 A/F. Next year's commitment will be 3,136 A/F. The GBRA provided notice on June 27, 2022 of an increase for firm water from the current \$157.00 per acre-foot per year to \$165.00 per acre-foot per year.

As a result in both the increased increment of total acre feet of commitment and the increase in cost per acre-foot, we find it necessary to increase the current fee for GBRA water "raw water storage" from \$7.54 per month per customer to \$9.42 per month per customer, or a 25% increase effective October 1, 2022.

ORDINANCE #G-7-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE CODIFIED AND DESCRIBED IN THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA CODE OF ORDINANCES AS PART II, APPENDIX A – FEES, RATES AND CHARGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

WHEREAS, the City Council on March 12, 2012 approved and adopted Ordinance Number G-1-12 which is codified and described in the City of Port Lavaca Code of Ordinances as Part II, Appendix A – Fees, Rates and Charges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Lavaca staff has evaluated current fees, rates and charges and find the need to make some amendments and changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

ARTICLE II. FEES TO BE AMENDED

The fees, rates and charges to be amended are in the Chapters listed below and described in full in the attached appendix marked in red or blue and highlighted in yellow:

Chapter 50: Utilities

Sec. 50-67 Water User Rates

Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) fee

ARTICLE III.- EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by City Council.

FIRST READING this 6th day of September, 2022.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

SECOND AND FINAL READING this 12th day of September, 2022.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2022.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mandy Grant, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney

RECORD OF VOTE

	First Reading	Second and Final	Passed and Approved
Councilman Smith			
Councilman Dent			
Councilman Tippit			
Councilwoman Padron			
Councilman Ward			
Councilman Barr			

Record of approval by City Council: City Council Minute Records, Volume 3H, Page ____.

APPENDIX A

Section Number	Subject	Fee Amount
50-52(b)	Inspection fee	
<i>Water table</i>		
50-67	<i>Water user rates:</i>	
50-67	<i>Residential:</i>	
	Base charge 0—2,000 gallons	\$17.00 per month
	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) fee	\$7.54 per month \$9.42 per month
	2,001—5,000 gallons	\$4.78 per 1,000 gallons
	5,001—25,000 gallons	\$5.26 per 1,000 gallons
	Over 25,000 gallons	\$5.97 per 1,000 gallons
50-67	<i>Small Commercial:</i>	
	Base charge 0—2,000 gallons 5/8 —1½-inch meter	\$19.50 per month
	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) fee	\$7.54 \$9.42 per month
	2,001—5,000 gallons	\$4.95 per 1,000 gallons
	5,001—25,000 gallons	\$5.26 per 1,000 gallons
	Over 25,000 gallons	\$5.97 per 1,000 gallons
50-67	<i>Large commercial:</i>	
	Base charge 2—6-inch water meter	\$37.00 per month
	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) fee	\$7.54 \$9.42 per month
	0—5,000 gallons	\$4.95 per 1,000 gallons

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	5,001—25,000 gallons	\$5.26 per 1,000 gallons
	Over 25,000 gallons	\$5.97 per 1,000 gallons
50-67	<i>Outside city limits:</i>	
	For residential and commercial customers located outside the city limits, the charge for water shall be 1½ times the rate charged to customers inside the city limits	