

## ORDINANCE NO. 25-530

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS AMENDING APPENDIX C – FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND UTILITY FEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City’s code of ordinances specifies fees should be adopted by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to amend the current fee schedule to amend utility fees and additional fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS:**

**Section 1:** That APPENDIX C – Fee Schedule is hereby amended as follows:

Utility (Water, Sewer, Solid Waste) Fees	
Utility Deposits and Fees	
Application Fee	\$50.00
Commercial/Residential (Owner) Deposit	\$100.00
Residential (Tenant/Renter) Deposit	\$150.00
Disconnect Fee	\$40.00
After Hours Reconnect Fee	\$100.00
NSF – Returned Item Fee	\$25.00
Water Rate Fees and Charges	
Gallons included in base rate	2,000
Per month Minimum monthly charge	<del>\$39.11</del> \$46.54
Monthly usage in excess of 2,000 gallons but below 20,000 gallons	<del>\$6.40</del> \$7.61 per each additional 1,000 gallons of usage
Monthly usage in excess of 20,000 gallons	<del>\$6.65</del> \$7.91 per each additional 1,000 gallons of usage
Sewer Rate Fees and Charges	
Gallons included in base rate	2,000
Per Month Minimum monthly charge	<del>\$29.30</del> \$31.79
Amounts in excess of 2,000 gallons	<del>\$5.05</del> \$5.48 per each additional 1,000 gallons of usage
Swimming Pool Fill Sewer Credit	Once per calendar year.
Solid Waste Collection Fees	
Per month Includes one garbage and one recycle bin	\$22.00
Additional bin charge per month	\$12.50

Accumulation of bulk waste in excess of 5 cubic yards	\$20.00 per cubic yard
<b>Water and Sewer Base Discount</b>	
Over 65 Discount	40% off base bill amount
Any person who meets the criteria of "Voting member" of the Richwood Volunteer Fire Department as defined by their Constitution and By-Laws will receive the first 4,000 gallons free and then be charged <del>\$6.40</del> \$7.61 per each additional 1,000 gallons of usage	
<b>Solid Waste Collection Discount</b>	
Over 65 Discount	\$2.00
<b>Outside City Limits Rates</b>	
Any person or entity requesting water or sewer services from the City of Richwood for a property located outside the city limits must obtain prior approval from the Richwood City Council. If approved, such customers shall be charged a rate equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the rate charged to customers located within the city limits.	
<b>Multi-Unit Water / Sewer Fees and Charges</b>	
Multiple Dwelling or Commercial Units (e.g., Mobile Home Parks, Trailer Parks, Apartment Houses, Duplexes)	If service is furnished through a single meter to multiple dwelling units or commercial units, the billing rate follows the standard schedule. The minimum fee is based on 2,000 gallons times the number of units (dwelling or commercial). Each 2,000-gallon allotment is charged at the monthly base rate, and usage over 2,000 gallons per unit is charged at the standard variable rate.

**Section 5:** That if any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Richwood, Texas, hereby declares that it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such invalidity.

**Section 6:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

**Section 7:** That this ordinance shall be effective October 1, 2025 upon passing.

Passed and Approved on this 11th day of August, 2025.

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Michael Durham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary

