

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-0224-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 13.02.032 “WATER RATES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS TO REVISE CERTAIN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Littlefield, Texas (“City Council”) pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State of Texas including, but not limited to, Article 11, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution as a home rule city, has the authority to set forth ordinances and regulations and exercise its police powers for the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the citizens of the City of Littlefield (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously established water rates for customers both within and outside of the City limits; and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in expenses associated with maintaining and operating these utilities and in order to keep the utilities in good working condition, it has become necessary to revise the rates charged for such services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the following rates are fair, just, and reasonable and are necessary for the continued and proper operation and maintenance of the City’s utility systems and in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare.

SECTION 1. The findings and recitals outlined above are found to be true, factual and correct and are hereby adopted and approved by the City Council and incorporated into this ordinance as though set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. Section 13.02.032 “Water Rates” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Littlefield, Texas, is hereby amended to be and read as follows:

§ 13.02.032 Water rates.

(1) The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for water services furnished to residential customers and commercial customers within the corporate limits of the City of Littlefield, until revised by the City Council of the City of Littlefield by subsequent ordinance:

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| (A) | Base Rate (up to 1,000 gallons): | \$36.00 |
| (B) | 1,000 to 30,000 gallons: | \$4.25 per thousand gallons |
| (C) | Over 30,000 gallons: | \$4.50 per thousand gallons |

(2) The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for water services furnished to residential customers and commercial customers outside of the corporate limits of the City of Littlefield, until revised by the City Council of the City of Littlefield by subsequent ordinance:

- (A) Base Rate (up to 1,000 gallons): \$50.00
- (B) 1,000 to 30,000 gallons: \$5.00 per thousand gallons
- (C) 30,000 to 60,000 gallons: \$5.25 per thousand gallons
- (D) Over 60,000 gallons: \$5.75 per thousand gallons

(3) Residential multifamily, duplexes, and apartments with one meter shall pay the Base Rate, plus one-half of the Base Rate for each additional dwelling unit or apartment unit. For purposes of this section, “dwelling unit” means a home, mobile home, duplex unit, apartment unit, condominium unit, or any dwelling unit in a multiunit residential structure as defined by Section 92.251 of the Texas Property Code or a dwelling as defined by Section 92.001 of the Texas Property Code.

(4) Exemption from additional meter size base: Hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, jails/prisons, schools.

SECTION 3. Repealed. All other terms and provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of Littlefield, Texas not in conflict herewith and not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application thereby shall remain in effect, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Littlefield, Texas in adopting this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reasons of unconstitutionality of any other portion or provision.

SECTION 5. Publication. The City Secretary of the City of Littlefield is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this Ordinance as an alternative method provided by law.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

SECTION 7. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the *Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Gov't. Code*.

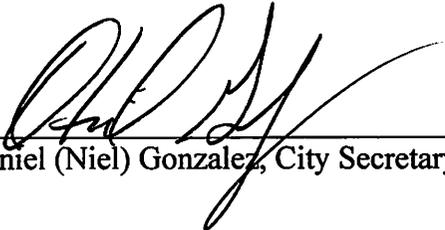
INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Littlefield, Texas, on:

the 24 day of February, 2026;

and with an effective date of 1st day of April, 2026.

CITY OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

By: 
Eric Turpen, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Otoniel (Niel) Gonzalez, City Secretary

