

**ORDINANCE NO. 840**  
*(Water Rate Amendments for 2023-2026)*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE RATES AND FEES FOR WATER SERVICE; ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 739; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined a revision to the water rates of the City of Parker is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that significant and continuing water rate increases and costs of water purchases from North Texas Municipal Water District have occurred since the passage of Ordinance 739, and such rates are projected to continue to increase;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS, HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** Municipal water rates shall be charged and collected monthly by the City of Parker as shown in Exhibit A to this Ordinance. The rates shall become effective on the billing cycle which includes April 1, 2023 and thereafter each billing cycle which includes October 1 of each year of 2023 through and including 2026, as set forth in Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2. MANUFACTURED HOUSING PARKS WATER RATES**

- A. Each manufactured housing unit in a Manufactured Housing Park will be charged the same base rate charged to a single-family residence.
- B. Water used by a mobile home park in excess of the base rate quantity per unit will be charged on the same rate schedule as a residential single-family unit.

**SECTION 3. CONSTRUCTION WATER RATES**

Any person or entity purchasing water by written permission from the City of Parker for construction or other purpose from a fire hydrant with a water meter attached, or any other similar method, shall pay the rate shown on Exhibit A.

**SECTION 4. COMMERCIAL WATER RATES**

Any person or entity purchasing water for use in a district zoned SA-Special Activities, shall pay at the rates required in Section 1, above.

**SECTION 5. NEW WATER METER AND TAP RATES**

Connections for new water service will be charged as shown in the City Fee schedule. The charges include water meters and water line tap fees.

New water service requiring a road bore, or other special installation, shall pay the water meter fee above, plus the actual cost of the bore, plus 10%. All road bores require prior approval of the City water department, if not performed by the City or under the direction of the City.

**SECTION 6. OUTSIDE CITY PREMIUM**

Water rates outside City boundaries shall also be charged a premium, or multiplier, as shown in Exhibit A to this Ordinance. The premium shall become effective on the billing cycle which includes April 1, 2023 and thereafter each billing cycle which includes October 1 of each year of 2023 through and including 2026, as set forth in Exhibit A.

**SECTION 7. SURCHARGE RATE AMOUNTS**

The City of Parker has a contractual agreement for the provision of water to Parker by the North Texas Municipal Water District. As a part of that contractual agreement, Parker may be required to comply with the Drought Contingency Plans of North Texas Municipal Water District, and those of the State of Texas. Parker may be requested, in the event of the implementation of Stage 3, and/or Stage 4 of the Drought Contingency Plans, for the City Council to require the payment of a surcharge on water services during the duration of Stages 3 or 4. The purpose of the surcharge is to provide additional financial incentive for water customers to reduce their use of water while drought conditions persist. Therefore, for water customers using the amounts set forth below, surcharges may be charged in the event either Stage 3, or subsequently, Stage 4, restrictions are imposed. The percentages indicated are increases in the rates per thousand for the bracket shown. For 40,000 gallons, the surcharge rate in Stage 3 would be: \$7.36 (1.05)=\$7.73.

A. Single Family Residential Units, and Mobile Home Units:

1. Stage 3

30,000 – 50,000 gallons	5%
50,000 – 70,000 gallons	8%
70,000 – 80,000 gallons	9%
80,000 or more gallons	10%

2. Stage 4

30,000 – 50,000 gallons	8%
50,000 – 70,000 gallons	14%
70,000 or more gallons	20%

- B. Manufactured Housing Unit surcharges will be calculated in the same manner as the surcharges above for the Single Family Residential Units. Surcharges for the manufactured housing units are the same percentage as the Single Family Residential. The surcharge is calculated by the total water used by the manufactured housing park, divided by the number of manufactured housing units equals average number of gallons used per unit. That average number of gallons per unit is used to determine the surcharge percentage.
- C. Surcharges for all other customers in the SA - Special Activities District, or for Construction use, pay the same surcharge as Single Family Residential.

### **SECTION 8. WASTEWATER RATES**

Wastewater rates shall be charged and collected monthly by the City of Parker as shown in Exhibit A to this Ordinance. The rates shall change become effective on the billing cycle which includes April 1, 2023 and thereafter each billing cycle which includes October 1 of each year of 2023 through and including 2026, as set forth in Exhibit A.

### **SECTION 9. REPEALER CLAUSE**

That all provisions of the ordinances (including Ordinance No. 739) of the City of Parker, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Parker, Texas, not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

### **SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole.

### **SECTION 11. PENALTY CLAUSE**

That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed and constitute a separate offense.

### **SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides. The municipal rates established herein shall take effect for the monthly billing cycle which includes April 1, 2023, and thereafter each billing cycle which includes October 1 of each year of 2023 through and including 2026, as set forth in Exhibit

A. The new rates will be reflected in the following month's water bills. Rates charged to customers for the April 1, 2023, billing cycle and the October 1, 2023 through 2026, billing cycles will commence with the customer's last regularly scheduled meter reading prior to the effective date of each rate, through the regularly scheduled meter reading for the customer.

**DULY PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Parker, Texas, on this 21st day of March, 2023.

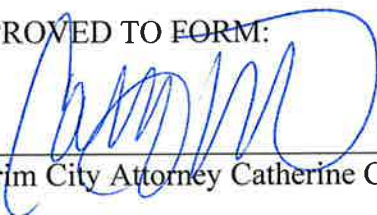
APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Lee Pettle

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary Patti Scott Grey

APPROVED TO FORM:

  
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Interim City Attorney Catherine Clifton

# Exhibit A

## Water Rates-Residential, Irrigation, Commercial, and Construction

	Current	Effective Oct 23	Effective Oct 24	Effective Oct 25	Effective Oct 26
<b>Minimum Charge</b>	\$40.00	\$43.60	\$47.09	\$50.86	\$54.92
					\$59.32
<b>Volume rate Per 1,000 Gal</b>					
4,001 15,000	\$4.35	\$4.74	\$5.12	\$5.53	\$5.97
15,001 30,000	\$5.40	\$5.89	\$6.36	\$6.87	\$7.41
30,001 50,000	\$6.75	\$7.36	\$7.95	\$8.58	\$9.27
50,001 70,000	\$10.75	\$11.72	\$12.65	\$13.67	\$14.76
70,001 Above	\$14.85	\$16.19	\$17.48	\$18.88	\$20.39
<b>Outside City Premium</b>	\$0.00	10%	15%	20%	25%
					30%
<b>Wastewater Rates</b>					
<b>Monthly Charge</b>	\$78.98	\$86.88	\$95.57	\$105.12	\$114.58
					\$123.75