

ORDINANCE NO. 2396

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EULESS, CHAPTER 30, "FEES", SECTION 30-35, "WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE—MONTHLY RATES"; SECTION 30-37, "MONITORED GROUP CLASS"; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Euless, Texas, purchases water from the Trinity River Authority and sends wastewater to the Trinity River Authority for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Trinity River Authority periodically raises the rate it charges the user cities for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board's Best Management Practices for Water Utilities discourages the inefficient use or waste of water; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board's Best Management Practices for Water Utilities encourages water conservation through the adoption of conservation pricing structures which include increasing unit pricing with increased consumption, base rates, and excess use rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euless, Texas, finds it necessary to adjust the rates charged to the consumers and encourage water conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EULESS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 30, "Fees", Section 30-35, "Water and wastewater service", be amended to hereafter be and read in its entirety as follows:

Section 30-35. Water and Wastewater service – monthly rates.

The schedule of monthly rates and charges for water and wastewater services furnished or caused to be furnished by the City is as follows:

- (1) Water service – Meter charge. The monthly minimum charge shall be based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Charge
5/8 – 3/4*	\$14.75
1	\$17.24
1-1/2	\$24.15
2	\$40.01
3	\$81.40
4	\$143.50
5	\$226.28
6	\$322.87

*All residential living units and multi-family living units shall be billed a monthly base charge equivalent to the monthly charge for a 5/8-inch meter.

(2) Water service – Volume charge per 1,000 gallons. The monthly volume charge for water service is as follows:

(A) Residential:

0 – 2,000 gallons	\$ 5.67 per 1,000/gallons
3,000 – 8,000 gallons	\$ 6.60 per 1,000/gallons
9,000 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 7.17 per 1,000/gallons
16,000 – 35,000 gallons	\$ 7.70 per 1,000/gallons
Over 35,000 gallons	\$ 8.30 per 1,000/gallons

(B) Commercial, industrial and multi-family:

Total consumption	\$6.93 per 1,000/gallons
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(C) Fire hydrant and gas well meters:

Total consumption	\$12.19 per 1,000/gallons
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(3) Irrigation service – Volume charge per 1,000 gallons. The monthly volume charge for water service is as follows:

(A) Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Multi-family:

0 – 8,000 gallons	\$6.93 per 1,000/gallons
9,000 – 15,000 gallons	\$7.17 per 1,000/gallons
16,000 – 35,000 gallons	\$7.70 per 1,000/gallons
Over 35,000 gallons	\$8.30 per 1,000/gallons

(B) Supplemental irrigation:

Total consumption	\$12.19 per 1,000/gallons
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(4) Reclaimed water service –Volume charge per 1,000 gallons. The monthly volume charge for water service is as follows:

(A) Non-boosted:

Total consumption	\$2.38 per 1,000/gallons
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(B) Boosted:

0 – 8,000 gallons	\$5.89 per 1,000/gallons
9,000 – 15,000 gallons	\$6.09 per 1,000/gallons
16,000 – 35,000 gallons	\$6.55 per 1,000/gallons
Over 35,000 gallons	\$7.06 per 1,000/gallons

(C) Construction and gas well meters:

Total consumption	\$10.85 per 1,000/gallons
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(5) Water service – Other: Water service for municipally owned property and buildings that are part of or connected to form a parcel of at least a minimum of 50 acres shall be \$2.38 per 1,000 gallons.

(6) Wastewater service – Residential. The wastewater service charge for residential customers shall be based on 90 percent of metered water. Wastewater service charges on 90 percent metered water shall not exceed 12,000 gallons per billing period per living unit. The monthly minimum per living unit shall be as follows:

(A) Within corporate limits, \$13.00, plus \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons of 90 percent of metered water.

(B) Outside corporate limits, \$17.50, plus \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons of 90 percent of metered water.

(7) Wastewater Service – Commercial and industrial. Commercial and Industrial wastewater charges shall be based on 100 percent of metered water. The monthly minimum shall be as follows:

(A) Within corporate limits, \$13.00, plus \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.

(B) Outside corporate limits, \$17.50, plus \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.

The following provisions apply to all commercial and industrial customers:

1) Customers who show proof that a significant portion of metered water does not enter the wastewater system shall not be billed for that portion that does not enter the wastewater system.

2) Monitored group class customers shall be billed according to section 86-51 of this Code.

3) Industrial cost recovery group customers shall be billed according to section 86-51 of this code plus the additional charges in section 86-52 as required.

(8) Wastewater service – Other: Wastewater service for all club houses, convention facilities, and restaurants on municipally owned property of a minimum of 50 acres

shall be billed at the current city rate of \$13.00 plus \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.

The above rates are based upon total costs to the city to operate the system including, but not limited to, cost to purchase treated water from the Trinity River Authority of Texas, cost of wastewater treatment by the Trinity River Authority of Texas, and cost of distribution of water and collection of wastewater by the city. The minimum charge and/or volume charge may be adjusted by the city council from time to time.

- (9) Master deposit. Customers may place a master deposit with the city in the amount of twice the current residential deposit. This deposit will be held on file until the customer requests it be refunded. Customers must request service starts and disconnects in writing. All accounts will be charged the current service initiation fees. No master deposits are allowed on commercial accounts.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 30, "Fees", Section 30-37, "Monitored Group Class", be amended to hereafter be and read in its entirety as follows:

Section 30-37. Monitored group class.

Customer monthly service charge	\$13.00
Volume charge per 1,000 gallons BOD	\$5.35
Strength charge, per pound of BOD	\$0.09916
TSS per pound of suspended solids	\$0.13495
Monitoring charge	100% of cost to city

SECTION 3.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

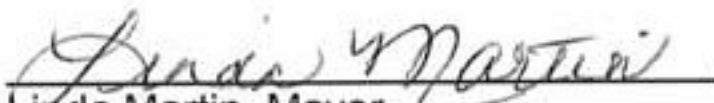
SAVINGS CLAUSE. That applicable chapters of the Code of Ordinances, City of Euless, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 5.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and the rates adopted herein shall be effective with bill dated on or after November 1, 2024, and as provided by the Euless City Charter and the laws of the State of Texas.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING at a regular meeting of the Euless City Council on August 19, 2024, by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:


Linda Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim Sutter, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Wayne Olson, City Attorney