

August 28, 2020

Re: Increase in Water and Sewer Utility Rates and Charges

Utility Customer,

On August 10, 2020, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas passed Ordinance No. 08102020 adopting the Four-Year Plan for revising the Water and Sewer Utility Rate Schedule providing for an increase in water and sewer utility rates and charges. The City is increasing rates to adjust for an increase in the cost of water from the City's water supplier according to the Water Supply Contract and costs related to the continued provision of water and sewer services. The increase is necessary to cover the reasonable operating and maintenance costs, reserve fund and debt services of the City's water department. Customers outside the city limits may appeal the rate changes to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC).

The City of Merkel PWS ID 2210002 last raised water and sewer utility rates in September 2019.  
The new rates listed on the next page become effective November 2020 for the October 2020 billing cycle.  
Additional information on rates may be obtained by contacting the City of Merkel.

An appeal under Texas Water Code § 13.043(b) must be initiated within 90 days after the effective date of the rate change... An appeal is initiated by filing an original and four copies of a petition for review with the commission and by filing a copy of the petition with the... governing body whose decision is being appealed ... The petition must be signed by ... 10% of the ratepayers whose rates have been changed and who are eligible to appeal under subsection (c) of this section.

**PUC of Texas**  
**1701 N Congress Ave.**  
**P.O. Box 13326**  
**Austin, Texas 78711-3326**

Steve Campbell  
City Manager  
City of Merkel  
325/928-4911

**CITY OF MERKEL**  
**WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT SERVICE CHARGES**

Water Tap

Alley, ¾" service.....	\$950.00	
1" service.....	\$1000.00	2"
or larger service.....	Actual cost of installation	
Street, ¾" service .....	\$1250.00	
1" service .....	\$1300.00	2"
or larger service .....	Actual cost of installation	

Sewer Tap

Alley.....	\$550.00
Street.....	\$1060.00

*(Prices are for routine installations; additional costs may apply)*

**Water Meter and Installation**

5/8" .....	\$500.00
1" .....	\$585.00
1½" .....	\$1500.00
2" .....	\$2250.00

Service Charge for New Service .....	\$50.00
Deposit for New Service .....	\$150.00
<i>(Higher deposits may apply according to pay history, meter tampering)</i>	
<i>(Deposit may be waived with Letter of Credit from another utility provider)</i>	
<i>(Deposit is returned in \$25.00 monthly credit to bill after 1 year good pay)</i>	
Transfer Service Charge.....	\$25.00
Late Fee (for payment not received on or before the 15 <sup>th</sup> ) .....	\$15.00
Administrative Fee for Non-payment (assessed 9:00 am on the disconnect date).....	\$50.00
Service Tamper Fee (turning City service on/off. Costs of damage to valve or meter may apply)...	\$75.00
After Hours Fee.....	\$75.00
Meter Testing (If meter comes back faulty, waive this fee. Adjust account according to % faulty.)..	\$125.00

## Exhibit "A"

### City of Merkel Four-Year Water and Sewer Rate Schedule

Rate Schedule - FY 2021						
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0012	WATER 12 - RESIDENTIAL-OCL	\$ 29.90	\$ 13.05	\$ 13.55	\$ 14.05	
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0014	WATER - BULK WATER ONLY	\$ 28.40	\$ 11.80	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.80	
0015	WATER 15 - RESIDENTIAL 2" Meter	\$ 49.90	\$ 11.80	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.80	
0016	WATER 16 - COMMERCIAL 2" Meter	\$ 49.90	\$ 11.80	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.80	
0017	WATER 17 COMMERCIAL-OCL	\$ 33.40	\$ 13.05	\$ 13.55	\$ 14.05	
0060	WATER 60 RESIDENTIAL FM 1235 NORTH	\$ 34.90	\$ 14.05	\$ 14.55	\$ 15.05	
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0021	SEWER 21 - RESIDENTIAL	\$ 25.00	\$ 1.00	PER THOUSAND GALLONS		
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0023	SEWER 23 - COMMERCIAL	\$ 26.00	\$ 1.00	PER THOUSAND GALLONS		
0024	SEWER 24 - RESIDENTIAL-OCL-WT & SW	\$ 30.00	\$ 1.25	PER THOUSAND GALLONS		
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0032	GARBAGE 2 - BUSINESS HAND LOAD	\$ 20.89	\$ 1.73	\$ 22.62		
0033	GARBAGE 3 - 1.5 YD CONTAINER 1X WEEK	\$ 50.83	\$ 4.20	\$ 55.03		
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