

ORDINANCE NO. 08-18-2026-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS ADOPTING APPENDIX A “MASTER FEE SCHEDULE” OF THE MERKEL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF MERKEL TO ESTABLISH RATES AND FEES FOR CITY SERVICES; AMENDING CERTAIN FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND ZONING APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Merkel (the “City”) is a general law municipality operating pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the “City Council”) has adopted various regulations now codified as the Merkel Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to formally adopt the current rates and fees for City services described in the Merkel Code of Ordinances and to codify such as Appendix A to the Merkel Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, additionally, the City Council has recently contracted with a third-party company to perform various inspections required by City ordinance and accordingly finds it necessary to amend certain building permit and inspection fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council additionally finds that it is necessary to increase the fee for filing a zoning change application with the City to encompass the actual costs to the City in the processing of said application.

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

I. Adoption of Appendix A “Master Fee Schedule”. The Merkel Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to add Appendix A “Master Fee Schedule” to read as set forth in **Exhibit “A”**.

II. Repeal. The “City of Merkel Fee Schedules” is hereby repealed. All other formerly adopted schedules, ordinances, or provisions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such conflict.

III. Conflicting Rates and Fees. In the event of a conflict between a rate or fee set out in Appendix A and the provisions of another City schedule, ordinance, or resolution, the provisions of Appendix A shall prevail.

IV. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Merkel that any phrase, sentence, section, or paragraph of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final judgement of a court or competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remainder of this ordinance since the same would have been

enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, sentence, section or paragraph.

V. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective after adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of August 2026.


Ray Cobb, Mayor

ATTEST:


Evelyn Morse, City Secretary

Exhibit "A"

**CITY OF MERKEL
MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

ARTICLE A1.000. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ A1.001. Heritage Hall fees.

- (a) Deposit: \$100.00
- (b) Key deposit: \$10.00
- (c) Rental: \$150.00

§ A1.002. Miscellaneous fees.

- (a) Credit card fee: 2.5%

§ A1.003. Parks and Recreation.

- (a) Rental: \$25.00
- (b) Electric: \$25.00
- (c) Water: \$25.00

ARTICLE A2.000. ANIMAL CONTROL RELATED FEES

§ A2.001. Surrenders.

- (a) Dog surrender: \$25.00
- (b) Cat surrender: \$10.00

§ A2.002. Pickups.

- (a) Local dog pickup: \$35.00
- (b) Clyde dog pickup: \$50.00

§ A2.003. Rabies.

- (a) Quarantine: \$150.00
- (b) Rabies vaccination: \$28.00

ARTICLE A3.000. BUILDING RELATED FEES

§A3.001. General Fees.

- (a) Contractor registration: \$200.00

§A3.002. Building Permit Fees.

- (a) Plan review: \$200.00 plus actual costs per SafeBuilt contract (available on City's website or in the office of the City Secretary)
- (b) Certificate of occupancy: \$200.00

§A3.003. Substandard Building Fees.

- (a) Administrative fee: \$200.00 per violation service
- (b) Labor: \$50.00 per person, per hour
- (c) Haul off – small trailer: \$75.00 per hour

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- (d) Haul off – large trailer: \$150.00 per hour
- (e) Haul off – dump trailer: \$200.00 per hour
- (f) Roll-off: **TBD** based on size, weight and current fees plus 30%
- (g) Heavy equipment usage: \$1,200 per day (1 day minimum)

§A3.004. Miscellaneous Building Fees.

- (a) Demolition permit: \$75.00

ARTICLE A4.000. HEALTH AND SANITATION RELATED FEES

§A4.001. Nuisance abatement.

- (a) Administrative fee: \$200.00 per violation service
- (b) Labor: \$50.00 per person, per hour
- (c) Haul off – small trailer: \$75.00 per hour
- (d) Haul off – large trailer: \$150.00 per hour
- (e) Haul off – dump trailer: \$200.00 per hour
- (f) Roll-off: **TBD** based on size, weight and current fees plus 30%
- (g) Heavy equipment usage: \$1,200 per day (1 day minimum)

ARTICLE A5.000. OFFENSE RELATED FEES

§A.5.001. Junked vehicles.

- (a) Junked vehicle abatement: \$150.00 per vehicle

**Vehicle parts will be assessed on the same fee schedule as rubbish and debris removal.*

ARTICLE A6.000. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT RELATED FEES

§ A6.001. Zoning fees.

- (a) HUD fee: \$200.00
- (b) Specific use permit application fee: \$750.00
- (c) Zoning change application fee: \$750.00(d) RV park application fee: \$500.00
- (e) Per RV spot: \$10.00

ARTICLE A7.000. UTILITY RELATED FEES

§ A7.001. Water fees.

- (a) Water taps.
 - (1) Alley:
 - (A) 3/4" service: \$2100.00
 - (B) 1" service: \$2,350.00
 - (C) 1 1/2" or larger service: \$3,100.00

Or actual cost of installation
 - (2) Street:
 - (A) 3/4" service: \$2,800.00

Exhibit "A"

- (B) 1" service: \$3,100.00
- (C) 2" or larger service: \$4,100.00

Or actual cost of installation

(b) Water meter and installation.

- (1) 5/8": \$1000.00
- (2) 1": \$1,085.00
- (3) 1 1/2": \$1,550.00
- (4) 2": \$2,300.00

§ A7.002. Sewer fees.

(a) Sewer taps.

- (1) Alley: \$1,600.00
- (2) Street: \$2,400.00

**Prices are for routine installations; additional costs may apply.*

§ A7.003. Solid waste fees.

- (a) Poly cart change out: \$35.00

§ A7.004. Miscellaneous utility fees.

- (a) Service charge for new service: \$75.00

- (b) Deposit for new service: \$200.00

**Higher deposits may apply according to pay history, meter tampering.*

**Deposit may be waived with Letter of Credit from another utility provider.*

**Deposit is returned in \$25.00 monthly credit to bill after 1 year good pay.*

- (c) Late fee: \$15.00

**For payment not received on or before the 15th.*

- (d) Administrative fee for non-payment: \$100.00

**Assessed at 9:00 am on the disconnect date.*

- (e) Service tamper fee: \$300.00

**Turning City Services on/off; Costs of damage to valve or meter may apply.*

- (f) After hours emergency shut off: \$50.00

- (g) After hours fee: \$100.00

- (h) Meter testing: \$250.00

**If meter comes back faulty, this fee will be waived and the account will be adjusted accordingly to percent faulty.*