

ORDINANCE NO. 09152026-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08192025 PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES.

WHEREAS, certain charges to water utility, sewer utility and solid waste services are necessary to ensure that projected revenues are sufficient to cover projected expenses and financial obligations of the Water Department, Sewer Department and the Solid Waste Service; and

WHEREAS, those rates and charges for water utility, sewer utility and solid waste services have been revised from time to time by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Merkel's last revision, on August 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at this time there is a need to revise current water and sewer rates and charges; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Merkel is empowered to enact this Ordinance to ensure continued water utility, sewer utility and solid waste service to the Citizens of Merkel and to those receiving water utility, sewer utility and solid waste service outside the City Limits of the City of Merkel, Texas;

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

PART ONE: Ordinance No. 08192025 is hereby amended to provide a rate structure as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

PART TWO: The effective date of the action for all customers shall be such that the first billing statement prepared in November 2026, which generally reflects services used in the prior October 2026, and all subsequent billing statements, shall reflect the rates presented in Exhibit A.

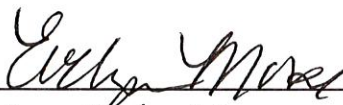
PART THREE: That this Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water Utility, Sewer Utility and Solid Waste Services shall be kept on file in the City Secretary's office and in the Water Utility office.

PART FOUR: That if any provision or section of this Ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 15th day of September 2026.



Mayor, Ray Cobb

Attest: 

City Secretary, Evelyn Morse

Exhibit "A"

City of Merkel Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Rate Schedule

Rate Schedule - **FY 2027**

Rate Code	Rate Description	Initial Charge	1000 - 5000	6000 - 10000	11000+
0000	NO CHARGE				
0011	WATER 11 - RESIDENTIAL	\$ 44.45	\$ 17.79	\$ 18.39	\$ 18.98
0012	WATER 12 - RESIDENTIAL-OCL	\$ 64.58	\$ 23.33	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.77
0013	WATER 13 - COMMERCIAL	\$ 50.69	\$ 20.17	\$ 20.77	\$ 21.36
0014	WATER - BULK WATER ONLY	\$ 75.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
0017	WATER 17 COMMERCIAL-OCL	\$ 73.65	\$ 30.06	\$ 30.80	\$ 31.53
0060	WATER 60 RESIDENTIAL FM 1235 NORTH	\$ 64.58	\$ 23.33	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.77
0061	WATER 61 COMMERCIAL FM 1235 NORTH	\$ 73.65	\$ 30.06	\$ 30.80	\$ 31.53
Rate Code	Rate Description	Charge			
0021	SEWER 21 - RESIDENTIAL	\$ 46.86	\$ 3.91	PER THOUSAND GALLONS	
0022	SEWER 22 - RESIDENTIAL-FLAT RATE-OCL	\$ 62.26			
0023	SEWER 23 - COMMERCIAL	\$ 48.54	\$ 4.18	PER THOUSAND GALLONS	
0024	SEWER 24 - RESIDENTIAL-OCL-WT & SW	\$ 56.23	\$ 4.69	PER THOUSAND GALLONS	
0025	SEWER 25 - COMMERCIAL-OCL-WT & SW	\$ 57.74	\$ 4.71	PER THOUSAND GALLONS	
Rate Code	Rate Description	Charge	Tax	Total	
0031	GARBAGE 1 - RESIDENTIAL	\$ 18.35	\$ 1.51	\$ 19.86	
0032	GARBAGE 2 - BUSINESS HAND LOAD	\$ 24.08	\$ 1.99	\$ 26.07	
0033	GARBAGE 3 - 1.5 YD CONTAINER 1X WEEK	\$ 67.41	\$ 5.56	\$ 72.97	
0034	GARBAGE 4 - 3 YD CONTAINER 1X WEEK	\$ 84.27	\$ 6.95	\$ 91.22	
0035	GARBAGE 5 - 1.5 YD CONTAINER 2X WEEK	\$ 112.35	\$ 9.27	\$ 121.62	
0036	GARBAGE 6 - 3 YD CONTAINER 2X WEEK	\$ 104.32	\$ 8.61	\$ 112.93	
0040	GARBAGE 7- 4YD CONTAINER 1X WEEK	\$ 125.20	\$ 10.33	\$ 135.53	
0041	GARBAGE 7- 4YD CONTAINER 2X WEEK	\$ 154.08	\$ 12.71	\$ 166.79	
0042	GARBAGE 2 - BUSINESS HANDLOAD NO TAX	\$ 24.08		\$ 24.08	
0043	GARBAGE 3 - 1.5 YD NO TAX 1X WEEK	\$ 67.41		\$ 67.41	
0044	GARBAGE 4 - 3 YD NO TAX 1X WEEK	\$ 84.27		\$ 84.27	
0045	GARBAGE 5 - 1.5 YD NO TAX 2X WEEK	\$ 112.35		\$ 112.35	
0046	GARBAGE 6 - 3 YD NO TAX 2X WEEK	\$ 104.32		\$ 104.32	
0047	GARBAGE 7- 4YD NO TAX 1X WEEK	\$ 125.20		\$ 125.20	
0048	GARBAGE 7- 4YD NO TAX 2X WEEK	\$ 154.08		\$ 154.08	
0058	GARBAGE 58 - ADDITIONAL HANDLOAD	\$ 8.60	\$ 0.71	\$ 9.31	
0059	GARBAGE 59 - BUSINESS ADDITIONAL HANDLOAD	\$ 11.19	\$ 0.92	\$ 12.11	
0060	LOCK BAR	\$ 10.50	\$ 0.87	\$ 11.37	