



City of Freeport
Special Meeting Agenda

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Monday, August 25, 2025, 6:00 PM | Council Chamber | 430 North Brazosport Blvd., Freeport, Texas 77541

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1: Call to Order:

- 1A. Call to Order - Jerry Cain, Mayor
- 1B. Invocation - Councilman
- 1C. Pledges - Pledge of Allegiance to the United States; Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas.
- 1D. Audience Participation – Anyone who has registered to speak prior to the meeting being called to order and desires to address the City Council will be heard at this time, or during the discussion of an item listed on the agenda. These forms are located by the City Secretary. After completing the form, give it to the City Secretary. She will give it to the Mayor. The Mayor will call on you when that item is presented, once a motion has been made by Council then public participation will not be allowed. You will have four (4) minutes to make your comments regardless of the number of agenda items to be addressed.

2: Proclamations - Presentations and Updates

- 2A. Presentation on proposals for potential water/sewer rate increases.-Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director
- 2B. Presentation on budget request items for FY2025-2026 annual budget.-Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director

3: Public Hearings

- 3A. Public Hearing for the FY2025-2026 Annual Budget(Ashlee Hurst)

4: Business

- 4A. Consideration and possible action on setting the City of Freeport proposed 2025 tax rate, setting the public hearing (if necessary), and directing staff to publish the Notice of Proposed 2025 tax rate.(Ashlee Hurst)
- 4B. Consideration and possible action approving Ordinance No. 2025-2745 adjusting the water and sewer rates, and approving Resolution No. 2025-2946 amending the Master Fee Schedule to reflect the same.(Ashlee Hurst)

5: Adjournment

- 5A. Adjournment – Jerry Cain, Mayor

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Clarisa Fernandez,
City Secretary, City of Freeport, Texas





City Council Agenda Item #[2.A]

Title: Presentation on proposals for potential water/sewer rate increases.-
Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director

Date: August 25, 2025

From: Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director

Staff Recommendation:

Item Summary: Staff has prepared an updated proposal option for potential rate increases.

Background Information:

Special Considerations:

Financial Impact:

Board or 3rd Party Recommendation:

Supporting Documentation:

1. Water Sewer Rate Increase Presentation

CITY OF FREEPORT

WATER SEWER RATE INCREASE PROPOSALS



Presentation prepared for Mayor & Council for 8/25/2025 meeting

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EDUCATIONAL RECAP

EDUCATIONAL INSIGHT:

- An Enterprise Fund type should sufficiently operate solely on charges for services, like a business
- The fund operates on a working capital basis – better understood as it operates on a cash basis
- A deficit in an Enterprise Fund indicates a problem with their operations or pricing
- The General Fund generally should not make a transfer to cover operating deficits
- GASB 24 states user charges be set at a level sufficient to cover the cost of providing the service
- Texas Constitution Article III, Section 52(a) generally prohibits cities from giving away water service below cost or for free
- City Financial Policy section XII states we develop and maintain a balanced budget
- City Financial Policy section I. Revenues B. User Fees states for services that benefit specific users, where possible, the City shall establish and collect fees to recover the cost of those services. Where feasible and desirable, the City shall seek to recover full direct and indirect costs. City staff should review user fees on a regular basis to calculate their full cost recovery levels, to compare them to the current fee structure and to recommend adjustments where necessary to facilitate City Council's policy decision regarding the level of support to be provided.
- City Financial Policy Section I. Revenues D. Funds User Fees states Enterprise funds user fees shall be set at levels enough to cover operating expenditures, meet debt obligations, provide additional funding for capital improvements and provide adequate levels of working capital and debt coverage.

INFORMATIVE RECAP

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITY:

- The billing rates have not changed since the last adjustment September 1, 2023
- BWA costs increased last year by 14.14%, a total of \$378,760
- BWA costs will increase 7.83% this year, a total of \$262,800 in FY2026
- Veolia costs increased last year by 18.09%, a total of \$474,873
- Veolia costs will increase by an estimated 3% this year, a total of \$100,000 in FY2026
- Total BWA increase in costs since last rate adjustment is 21.97%, totaling \$641,560
- Total Veolia increase in costs since last rate adjustment is 21.09%, totaling \$574,873
- Combined increase in costs since last rate adjustment totals \$1,216,433
- A rate increase is recommended to increase revenues to offset the increased expenses from BWA and Veolia
- **The average annual increase in water for the past 2 years is \$608,217**

WATER BILL COMPARISON – LOCAL AVERAGE

WATER RATE INFORMATION:

- Staff reviewed neighboring cities for comparative purposes
- The average water bill for comparison purposes is \$44.17
- Based on 5,000 gallons of consumption, Freeport is 14.85% below local average

	Freeport	Oyster Creek	Clute	Lake Jackson	Angleton	Richwood	Average Bill Price
Water - Base	18.47	19.08	14.77	17.62	33.61	37.53	
Water - 2,001-11,999	6.38	5.25 (over 2,000)	4.86 (up to 10,000)	6.36	12.33 (over 2,000)	6.14 (2,000-19,999)	
Water - Over 12,000	8.40		5.41 (up to 20,000)	7.22 (over 20,000)	12.90 (over 10,000)	6.39 (over 20,000)	
Bill based on 5,000 gals	37.61	34.83	29.35	36.70	70.60	55.95	44.17
		Last changed 10/3/24	Last changed: Unknown	Will increase 10/1/25	Increased 4/1/25	Last changed 10/1/23	

WATER BILL COMPARISON – STATE AVERAGE

Water Fees By Population Category
Summary
2025

Population Group	No. of Cities Reporting	Avg. Total Customers	Residential Water		Commercial Water
			Average Usage	Average Fee For 5,000 Gal.	Average Fee For 50,000 Gal.
2,000 OR LESS	79	411	4,820	56.97	363.63
2,001 - 5,000	26	1,200	5,155	49.00	281.21
5,001 - 10,000	16	2,879	6,228	90.53	357.63
10,001 - 15,000	6	4,647	6,297	41.58	322.15
15,001 - 20,000	8	4,446	6,056	52.09	633.34
20,001 - 25,000	5	8,237	6,690	57.63	428.30
25,001 - 30,000	4	9,260	4,896	39.06	386.25
30,001 - 50,000	9	13,424	5,333	41.09	332.08
50,001 - 75,000	3	22,569	7,982	24.64	220.86
75,001 - 100,000	2	29,562	9,739	41.80	258.77
100,001 - 200,000	8	38,989	6,591	37.61	368.77
200,001 - 350,000	1	79,162	13,000	43.05	357.95
MORE THAN 500,000	1	494,870	5,100	47.50	425.24
Total / Averages	168	8,296	5,465	55.09	355.94

State average based on population: \$41.58

City of Freeport currently: \$37.61

9.55% below state average

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SEWER BILL COMPARISON – LOCAL AVERAGE

WATER RATE INFORMATION:

- Staff reviewed neighboring cities for comparative purposes
- The average sewer bill for comparison purposes is \$34.45
- Based on 5,000 gallons of consumption, Freeport is 17.13% below local average

	Freeport	Oyster Creek	Clute	Lake Jackson	Angleton	Richwood	Average Bill Price
Sewer - Base	14.03	.80 per total of water	14.77	19.04	18.08	28.50	
Sewer - 2,001-Unlimited	4.84		4.86 (up to 10,000) 5.41 (10,001 and over)	6.88	3.97 (per 1,000)	4.95 (over 2,000)	
Bill based on 5,000 gals	28.55	27.86	29.35	39.68	37.93	43.35	34.45
		Last changed 10/3/24	Last changed: Unknown	Will increase 10/1/25	Increased 4/1/25	Last changed 10/1/23	

SEWER BILL COMPARISON – STATE AVERAGE

Wastewater Fees By Population Category
Summary
2025

Population Group	No. of Cities Reporting	Avg. Total Customers	Residential Sewer	Commercial Sewer
			Average Fee For 5,000 Gal.	Average Fee For 50,000 Gal.
2,000 OR LESS	69	418	31.06	128.64
2,001 - 5,000	26	1,092	38.13	227.12
5,001 - 10,000	16	2,487	83.41	266.38
10,001 - 15,000	7	4,113	35.05	188.80
15,001 - 20,000	7	5,146	43.40	188.08
20,001 - 25,000	5	7,218	51.12	424.18
25,001 - 30,000	4	8,669	40.47	294.78
30,001 - 50,000	9	12,817	41.09	298.76
50,001 - 75,000	3	19,829	27.69	260.42
75,001 - 100,000	2	28,637	28.41	176.20
100,001 - 200,000	8	36,333	37.89	300.14
200,001 - 350,000	1	73,438	64.00	466.80
MORE THAN 500,000	1	481,640	63.01	556.96
Total / Averages	158	8,294	40.55	204.45

State average based on population: \$35.05

City of Freeport currently: \$28.55

18.55% below state average

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RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSALS E & F

RATE INFORMATION:

- The left includes 15% increase to all users, except for residential. Residential would have 5% water and 10% sewer increase.
- The right includes 20% increase to all users, except for residential. Residential would have 5% water and 10% sewer increase.

PROPOSED INCREASED RATES BASED ON 5% WATER, 10% SEWER, 15% ALL OTHER

This would provide additional revenue of \$1,420,838

Proposed Residential/SBR Bill	Water	\$39.49
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Sewer	\$31.41
	Trash	\$20.00
	Total Bill:	\$90.90
	Increase of:	\$4.74
Proposed All Others Bill	Water	\$71.63
Based on 1" meter	Sewer	\$56.40
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Trash	\$35.00
	Total Bill:	\$163.03
	Increase of:	\$16.70

OPTION E

PROPOSED INCREASED RATES BASED ON 5% WATER, 10% SEWER, 20% ALL OTHER

This would provide additional revenue of \$1,689,818

Proposed Residential/SBR Bill	Water	\$39.49
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Sewer	\$31.41
	Trash	\$20.00
	Total Bill:	\$90.90
	Increase of:	\$4.74
Proposed All Others Bill	Water	\$74.75
Based on 1" meter	Sewer	\$58.85
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Trash	\$35.00
	Total Bill:	\$168.6
	Increase of:	\$22.27

OPTION F

RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSALS G & H

RATE INFORMATION:

- The left includes 15% increase to all users, except for residential and small business restaurants. Residential and small business restaurants would have 5% water and 10% sewer increase.
- The right includes 20% increase to all users, except for residential and small business restaurants. Residential and small business restaurants would have 5% water and 10% sewer increase.

PROPOSED INCREASED RATES BASED ON 5% WATER, 10% SEWER, 15% ALL OTHER

This would provide additional revenue of \$1,412,838

Proposed Residential/SBR Bill	Water	\$39.49
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Sewer	\$31.41
	Trash	\$20.00
	Total Bill:	\$90.90
	Increase of:	\$4.74
Proposed All Others Bill	Water	\$71.63
Based on 1" meter	Sewer	\$56.40
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Trash	\$35.00
	Total Bill:	\$163.03
	Increase of:	\$16.70

OPTION G

PROPOSED INCREASED RATES BASED ON 5% WATER, 10% SEWER, 20% ALL OTHER

This would provide additional revenue of \$1,679,818

Proposed Residential/SBR Bill	Water	\$39.49
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Sewer	\$31.41
	Trash	\$20.00
	Total Bill:	\$90.90
	Increase of:	\$4.74
Proposed All Others Bill	Water	\$74.75
Based on 1" meter	Sewer	\$58.85
Based on 5,000-gallon usage	Trash	\$35.00
	Total Bill:	\$168.6
	Increase of:	\$22.27

OPTION H

RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSALS - SUMMARY

Option	Proposal	Residential/S BR Impact	Other User Impact	Projected Revenue Increase
E	15% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential	\$4.74	\$16.70	\$1,420,838
F	20% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential	\$4.74	\$22.27	\$1,689,818
G	15% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential & small business restaurants	\$4.74	\$16.70	\$1,412,838
H	20% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential & small business restaurants	\$4.74	\$16.70	\$1,679,818

Below the local average on residential water prices by 14.85%, per comparison

Below the state average on residential water prices by 9.55% for population bracket, per TML

Below the local average on residential sewer prices by 17.13%, per comparison

Below the state average on residential sewer prices by 18.55% for population bracket, per TML

The amount needed to cover the deficit is **\$1,162,830**

DISCUSSION

FY2025-2026 Annual Budget

Departmental Budget Requests

Prepared by: Ashlee Hurst, CGFO
Presented at: 8/25/25 Special Meeting

Overview

- Each department will have 10 minutes
- Budget requests for 2026
- Justification for the requests
- Q & A with Council is encouraged
- Highlighted amounts are tentatively approved

Presentation Order

- Administration – Finance
- Administration – H.R.
- Building / Permits
- Police / Code
- Fire / EMS
- Streets
- Parks
- Recreation Center
- Museum
- Golf Course
- Grant Match Requests
- Council Requests

Administration - Finance

- Requests:
 - Transition financial software to web-based hosting
 - \$27,221 recurring
 - Financial software project accounting module
 - \$3,470 recurring
 - Implementation costs for OpenGov
 - \$29,950 one-time
 - JustFOIA public information request software (Admin / PD)
 - \$1,007 one-time \$10,314 recurring

Administration – H.R.

- Requests:
 - TMHR Certifications
 - \$3,000 one-time
 - Personnel Policy Consultant
 - \$3,000 one-time

Building / Permits

- Requests:
 - Increase in advertising line-item
 - \$3,000 recurring

Freeport Police Department



2025-2026 Budget Request and Considerations

It is the vision of the Freeport Police Department to provide our community with a quality of life where they feel safe and secure.

Budget Request

• Combine PD and Code budget	\$0 (House Bill 1900)
• 5.5% COLA for ALL PD staff	\$175,000
• Overtime Increase	\$120,000
• Microsoft Office 2022 Update	\$11,670
• Replace PD Building Camera Storage	\$12,000
• Server Relocation	\$28,000
• Replace Office Chairs	\$10,000
• 5 Vehicle Replacements	\$475,000
• Remove Tower and Surge Protection	\$30,000
• Replace Jail Cameras	\$5,000
• Beach Buggy Replacement (grant?)	\$32,000
• LPR Cameras (grant?)	\$63,000 + \$84,250



Overtime

- **Increase Department Overtime Budget by \$120,000 to accurately reflect the needs of the department.**
 - Holiday is counted as hours worked.
 - Dispatch and Patrol are generally pushed into overtime at each holiday.
 - 13.5 Holidays at the current hourly rate creates almost \$135,000 in overtime.
 - Current overtime budget is \$120,000, causing a deficit of \$15,000 immediately.
 - Does not include extra shifts for events, court, trainings, coverage and beach.
- **2023-2024 Increases**
 - Beach Patrol (incorrect data)
 - Citizens Police Academy (requested by council)
 - Over 80 Events
 - Improper Time Keeping Discovered
 - Evidence (Audit)
 - Captain Gillchriest



OT HISTORY		
Year	Amount	3% Increase
2015-2016	\$77,435.10	\$2,323.05
2016-2017	\$112,079.48	\$3,362.38
2017-2018	\$88,223.06	\$2,646.69
2018-2019	\$91,651.00	\$2,749.53
2019-2020	\$130,837.57	\$3,925.13
2020-2021	\$176,377.32	\$5,291.32
2021-2022	\$116,356.10	\$3,490.68
2022-2023	\$191,085.54	\$5,732.57
2023-2024	\$359,838.21	\$10,795.15
2024-2025	\$179,380.83	\$5,381.42
TOTAL		\$45,697.93
2015+3%	\$77,435.10	\$123,133.03

Safety is THE Priority



- Citizens
- Staff
 - Currently operating in a deficit of 4 patrol and 1 dispatch opening.
 - Risk of multiple additional openings which could create a cascade effect.
 - 15 police cadets in the academy.
 - More than 15 openings across agencies in Brazoria county.
 - Each agency below is increasing their rate effective October 1st, except Freeport.

CURRENT HOURLY RATES		
City	Officer	Dispatcher
Angleton	\$29.61	\$20.68
Clute (6mo)	\$27.48 / \$28.30	\$20.70 / \$21.34
Lake Jackson	\$29.52	\$19.95
Freeport	\$27.19	\$20.48

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- A 6-month Clute PD Officer makes almost as much as a 4-year FPD Officer.
- A new hire at Angleton PD and Lake Jackson PD makes almost as much as 7-year FPD Officer.
- A new hire at Iowa Colony PD make almost as much as a FPD Corporal.



***The market is NOT an agency market.
It is an employee's market.
These are who we are losing staff to.***

Safety is THE Priority

- Failure to retain is expensive.
- Retention is investing and cost effective.
- 2022-2025 we have replaced 13 officers and 8 dispatchers.
 - Officer replacement cost $\$32,000 \times 13 = \$416,000$
 - Dispatch replacement cost $\$28,000 \times 8 = \$224,000$
 - Total spent in replacing staff $\$640,000$



How can we change this?

By providing competitive salary to get quality applicants and retain them.

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- Provide at least a 5.5% COLA to **ALL** PD staff and matrix.



STEP	Officer	Hourly	Percent	Dispatcher	Hourly	Percent
0	\$56,557.35	\$0.00	0.00%	\$42,603.93	\$0.00	0.00%
1	\$57,154.35	\$0.29	1.04%	\$43,084.48	\$0.23	1.12%
2	\$57,751.35	\$0.29	1.03%	\$43,565.03	\$0.23	1.10%
3	\$58,348.35	\$0.29	1.02%	\$44,045.58	\$0.23	1.09%
4	\$58,945.35	\$0.29	1.22%	\$44,526.13	\$0.23	1.30%
5	\$59,661.74	\$0.34	1.60%	\$45,102.78	\$0.28	1.70%
6	\$60,616.94	\$0.46	2.36%	\$45,871.66	\$0.37	2.51%
7	\$62,049.74	\$0.69	3.85%	\$47,024.98	\$0.55	4.09%
8	\$64,437.73	\$1.15	3.71%	\$48,947.17	\$0.92	3.93%
9	\$66,825.72	\$1.15	3.57%	\$50,869.37	\$0.92	3.78%
10	\$69,213.72	\$1.15	3.45%	\$52,791.57	\$0.92	3.64%
11	\$71,601.71	\$1.15	3.00%	\$54,713.76	\$0.92	3.16%
12	\$73,750.90	\$1.03	2.59%	\$56,443.74	\$0.83	2.72%
13	\$75,661.30	\$0.92	2.21%	\$57,981.49	\$0.74	2.32%
14	\$77,332.89	\$0.80	0.93%	\$59,327.03	\$0.65	0.97%
15	\$78,049.29	\$0.34	0.76%	\$59,903.69	\$0.28	0.77%
16	\$78,646.29	\$0.29	0.76%	\$60,364.24	\$0.22	0.83%
17	\$79,243.29	\$0.29	0.75%	\$60,864.79	\$0.24	0.79%
18	\$79,840.29	\$0.29	0.75%	\$61,345.34	\$0.23	0.78%
19	\$80,437.29	\$0.29	0.00%	\$61,825.88	\$0.23	0.00%
20	\$80,437.29	\$0.00	0.00%	\$61,825.88	\$0.00	0.00%

COLA HISTORY			
Year	City %	PD %	USA %
2019-2020	3.5%	3.5%	1.6%
2020-2021	3%	3%	1.3%
2021-2022	3.5%	Matrix	5.9%
2022-2023	3.5%	3.5%	8.7%
2023-2024	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%
2024-2025	3%	0%	2.5%
TOTAL	20.0%	13.5%	23.2%

A new officer moving from STEP 0 to STEP 1 receives a *gross* annual raise of \$597, *net* is approximately \$400 for the year, which equates to a per paycheck “raise” of \$15.

Safety is THE Priority

- Decrease in police or code staff will cause a decrease of service.
 - Abandoned or junk vehicles
 - Bar checks
 - Beach patrol
 - Special watches
 - Civil matters
 - Clerk checks
 - Theft and Burglary (not in progress)
 - Criminal Mischief (not in progress)
 - City ordinance violations
 - Illegal dumping
 - Financial crimes
 - Non-injury accidents
 - Private property accidents
 - Motorist assist
 - Noise complaints
 - Parking violations
 - Animal complaints



The frequency of seeing an officer patrolling in your neighborhood will decline.

Our citizens deserve the best Freeport ever.

Safety is THE Priority

- What are other agencies doing?
 - 4-19% COLA and raises
 - Sign on bonuses of \$5,000-\$20,000
 - Tuition reimbursement for academy
- What do we recommend?
 - At least a 5.5 % cost of living adjustment with matrix/step/merit
 - Sign on bonuses for first responders
 - Tuition reimbursement
 - Future redesign of matrix to better recruit and retain staff.



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Recommended Proposal for ALL First Responders:

- Hiring Incentive For New First Responder:
 - \$5000 total
 - \$1000 at start
 - \$2000 at 1 year
 - \$2000 at 2 years
- Replacing 5 Officers:
 - \$5000 at start
 - \$12,500 at 1 year
 - \$12,500 at 2 years
 - Total \$30,000 for 5 Officers
- 5 Hiring Incentives equals the same amount it cost to replace 1 Officer.



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Recommended Proposal for ALL First Responders:

- Academy Reimbursement:
 - Average Police Academy up to \$5000
 - 25% upon completion of Field Training
 - 25% upon completion of 1 year
 - 50% upon completion of 2 years
- Restrictions:
 - Freeport must be your first hire agency after graduation.
 - Must have graduated within the past 3 years.
- Currently 6 officers would be eligible.
 - Average of \$5,000 for academy
 - Total \$30,000 for 6 Officers
- 6 Reimbursements equals the same amount it cost to replace 1 Officer.



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Recommended Proposal:



- Future redesign of matrix
 - Employees decide in first 2-5 years whether to stay.
 - *FPD avg is 3 years on patrol.*
 - Starting pay has been the same for 2 consecutive years because no COLA.
 - Currently the total for all raises in first 5 years of employment:
 - \$1.49/hour for Officers or \$3,099,
 - Divided by 5 = \$619 annually divided by 26 pay periods = \$23 gross = \$15 net
 - \$1.20/hour for Dispatchers or \$2,496
 - Divided by \$499 annually divided by 26 pay periods = \$19 gross = \$12 net

Would you stay for a \$15 per pay period “raises” for 5 years?

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- A new matrix will provide a better recruitment tool and elevate retention of current staff.
- Currently there are no step increases after 19 years of service so experienced staff “cap out”, which essentially results in experienced personnel being encouraged to leave.
- Apply a 5.5% increase to matrix to try to catch PD staff up to neighboring agencies and to compensate from **no COLA** last year.
- A redesign of the matrix for next fiscal year to help remain competitive and alleviate the need for large increases every few years, which has been the necessity in the past.



Safety is THE Priority



- Why are we wanting to do this?
 - Because our citizens **deserve** a safe Freeport.
 - Because our staff are **key** to the change needed in Freeport.
 - Because city officials **want and expect** the best Freeport ever.
- Staff will continue to leave if they do not feel they are treated fairly, and non-competitive compensation is a major determinant.
- If we cannot retain our current staff and recruit additional staff, we cannot adequately serve our citizens and our citizens deserve exceptional service.
- We **can, should** and **MUST** do better!

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Questions?

Freeport Fire & EMS

2025-2026

Budget Request and Considerations



Freeport Fire & EMS is committed to serving the public with compassion, care, and educational outreach. We strive to protect our community through professional fire response, emergency medical services, and effective emergency management.

Budget Request

- Tire- Engine 902 Engine 903 \$13,000
- Training Overtime \$24,000
- 3 Firefighter/Medics \$258,000
- Ambulance \$400,000
- Fire Engine (Quint) \$1,700,000

Non Budget Request

Salary Surveys (February 2021)

Department Director's Budget recommendation is limited only to supplies, services, maintenance, sundry, and captial.



Accomplishments



- Communications Infrastructure Improvement
 - ILA Port Freeport & City of Freeport Public Safety
 - Multi-band portable radios (27) grant
- Employee Training (FEMA Training Grant)
 - Vehicle Extrication
 - Rope Rescue
 - Confine Space Rescue
 - Advance EMT
- Cost Recovery Services
 - EMS Cost recovery revenue
 - Increased 42%, fiscal year each year for the last three years.
 - Cost recovery agency forecast \$920,000
- Departmental Training (Company Shifts) Fire Field
 - Live Burn Training: BCFFA Fire Field
- Regional and/or Interdepartmental Collaboration
 - ILA Port Freeport & City of Freeport
 - Industry and Freeport Table Top Drills

Overtime

Increase the Overtime Budget to reflect the needs of the department.

- Additional staffing during Holidays Weekends.
 - Holiday weekend coverage includes Friday through the Holiday with additional staffing
 - Additional staffing is six.
 - Holiday Weekends: New Years, Good Friday (Easter), Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.
 - Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr., President's Day, Columbus Day
- Does not include extra shifts for events, training, and backfill coverage.
 - Fire/EMS Prevention
 - Fishin' Fieta
 - Kid Fest
 - Riverfest – Boat Races
 - National Night Out
 - Fire Works
 - Bonfire



Employee Recruitment & Retention

(AKA: Attracting and Keeping Employees)

Staff Levels:

Currently: Staff shortage for three positions.

Last year: Staff shortage four positions.

Periodically: Staff shortage five positions.

Forecast: Possible two employee turnovers.

Recruiting:

Surrounding fire/EMS departments recruitment is creating challenge:

Salary ranges from \$61,00 to \$68,000

Freeport: \$55,000

Background:

- 2019: Merit-based pay. Fire/EMS was removed from step raises.
- 2020: Pay increase was not COL only but performance rating.
 - COL: 1.5 % and Merit: 1.5 %
- 2023: Council Approval Fire/EMS salary adjustment.
- 2023: Fire/EMS annual base salary is 12% below.

COLA HISTORY			
Year	City %	PD %	USA %
2019-2020	3.5%	3.5%	1.6%
2020-2021	3%	3%	1.3%
2021-2022	3.5%	Matrix	5.9%
2022-2023	3.5%	3.5%	8.7%
2023-2024	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%
2024-2025	3%	0%	2.5%
TOTAL	20.0%	13.5%	23.2%



Recruitment & Retention Recommended Proposal

Recommended Proposal for ALL First Responders:

- Hiring Incentive For New First Responder:

\$5000 total
\$1000 at start
\$2000 at 1 year
\$2000 at 2 years

- Vacancies 5 Firefighter/EMS:

\$5000 at start
\$12,500 at 1 year
\$12,500 at 2 years
Total \$30,000

5 Hiring incentives equal the expense of recruiting, testing, background investigation, drug screen/physical, and field training of 1 Firefighter/EMT



Recruitment & Retention Recommended Proposal

Recommended Proposal for ALL First Responders:

- Academy Reimbursement:
 - Average Fire Academy up to \$5000
 - 25% upon completion of Field Training
 - 25% upon completion of 1 year
 - 50% upon completion of 2 years
- Restrictions:
 - Freeport must be your first hire agency after graduation.
 - Must have graduated within the past 3 years.
- Currently 5 Firefighter/EMT would be eligible.
 - Average of \$5,000 for academy
 - Total \$30,000 for 5 Firefighter/EMT
- 5 Hiring incentives equal the expense of recruiting, testing, background investigation, drug screen/physical, and field training of 1 Firefighter/EMT



Recruitment & Retention Recommended Proposal

- Fire/EMS be placed back on a matrix
- Benefit: Retaining a highly skilled workforce
- Recruit quality workforce to meet the citizens needs and expectations.
- Why ?
- Our citizens immediate needs are our priority!
- Staff are key to efficient delivery of services Fire/EMS!
- Our Elected Officials want and expect the best!



Freeport Fire & EMS

Questions ?



Streets

- Requests:
 - Concrete saw
 - \$6,256 one-time
 - Vibratory plate compactor
 - \$1,595 one-time
 - Jumping jack
 - \$2,998 one-time
 - 15' batwing
 - \$29,000 one-time
 - Zero turn mower
 - \$14,000 one-time

Parks

- Requests:
 - Riverplace exterior metal coating
 - \$30,000 one-time
 - Repair playground equipment
 - \$20,000 one-time
 - Border and mulch (playgrounds)
 - \$10,000 one-time

Recreation Center

- Requests:
 - Annual pool contract
 - \$10,000 recurring
 - Splash pad replacement
 - \$10,000 one-time
 - Rec Center exterior metal coating
 - \$30,000 one-time

Museum

- Requests:
 - Museum staff raises above COLA
 - \$10,000 recurring (\$6,000 recurring)
 - Museum manager raise
 - \$10,000 recurring (\$6,000 recurring)
 - Generator
 - \$5,000 one-time (\$14,000 one-time)
 - Central dehumidifier
 - \$5,000 one-time
 - Renovate museum storage room
 - \$15,000 one-time
 - Fire suppression system
 - \$45,000 one-time
 - Renovate exhibit hall
 - \$25,000 one-time
 - Interactive touch-screen displays
 - \$10,000 one-time
 - Advertising line-item increase
 - \$9,000 recurring

Golf Course

- Requests:
 - Annual cart path repair
 - \$10,000 recurring
 - Pump station platform
 - \$10,000 one-time (future project within next 2 years)

Grant Match Requests

- Requests:
 - PD – cybersecurity grant 20% match
 - \$21,605 one-time

Council Requests Received

- Slaughter Road generator
 - \$50,000 one-time
- Pave alleyway between Methodist Church & retirement homes
 - \$30,000 one-time

Total Available Resources: \$1,622,177

Total One Time Requests: \$3,198,331

Total Recurring Requests: \$971,490

Grand Total Requests: \$4,169,821

**Tentatively Approved Total:
\$1,455,966**

Discussion for Council Final Approved Projects

Thank you, Mayor & Council!



RETENTION



Presently it cost us an average of \$28-\$32,000 per person, each time we hire someone. This is the cost of salaries of current employees to do recruiting, interviews, backgrounds, plus the pre-employment medicals, uniforms, equipment, and field training. These costs do not include the mandated state training courses which are thousands of dollars, plus possible per diem of hotels and meals, if local classes cannot be found. This is also does not include overtime rates for short staffing, due to the fact we cannot retain employees.

This does **NOT** include the new person's salary or the cost of the time spent on the applicants we **did not** hire. This also does not include the cost of the time of city personnel to post the ad, collect applications, process paperwork for new hire intake and outgoing employees.

In order to retain people, we need to be competitive with surrounding agencies. Paying staff accordingly will actually save the city money in the end, plus allows all staff more focus on police work, and less focus on hiring.

ESTIMATES ON HIRING:

- Initial process performed by command staff using average hourly rate of \$40/hour.
- FTO performed by command staff or senior officers using average hourly rate of \$40/hour.
- Officer is patrol officer.
- Jailer and ACO do not have vest.
- Dispatch does not have vest or duty gear.

Initial screening of applicants – 1 person for 1 hour	\$40
Interview – at least 3 PD employees for 1 hour	\$120
Written testing – 1 person for 1 hour	\$40
Physical testing – 1 person for 1 hour	\$40
Background – 1-2 people for 80-120 hours	\$3200-\$4800
Chief interview – 1 hour	\$ 0
Psychological	\$250
Physical and Drug Screen	\$100
Uniforms	\$1000 *
 Vest	 \$2000 *
Duty gear	\$500 *
FTO period 16-20 weeks (640-800 hours)	\$25-\$32,000
 TOTAL COST	 \$32,290-39,290
DISPATCH (* items removed)	\$28,790
AVERAGE	\$30,540

In the last 4 years we have replaced 26 staff members.

$$26 \text{ Staff} \times \$30,540 = \$794,040 / 4 = \$198,510$$

AVERAGE COST A YEAR FOR FAILURE TO RETAIN \$198,510



Freeport Police Department



This information is not provided in the 8/18/25 city council packet, as requested items came up after submission deadline. It is being provided to City Council now for your review and consideration.

RECRUIT:

We continue to uphold a high standard in our staff selection process. Applicants have been declined due to criminal backgrounds, unethical behavior, or falsified information. However, when pay does not align with the caliber of candidates we are seeking, the result is understaffing and difficulty in recruitment. Applicants consider both the current pay scale and the historical support from City Council, particularly in terms of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), when choosing where to apply. If they view a lack of support or stagnant compensation, they are more likely to choose employment in cities that offer competitive pay and regular increases.

RENTION:

It is our goal to retain our staff by investing in each of them so we can provide a better service to our community with experienced members. Our primary request is to provide at least a 5.5% COLA across all positions and the matrix, since PD staff on the matrix did not receive one last year. If do not receive a COLA, it leaves us falling behind. We want to be competitive with wages and decrease turn-over. If we do not, we will continue to fail to retain staff and lose them to neighboring agencies that pay more. This ultimately cost the city more money to hire and train new staff, to only lose them again. Currently, our average officer has 3 years of experience.

Each time we replace one member of the PD staff, it cost the city \$26,000-\$30,000, depending on the position.

MATRIX VS COLA:

A pay matrix is designed to provide continued incentives to help retain staff and to provide a perspective on your future with the agency. A COLA is an increase to provide an adjustment to account for the rising cost of living. When a COLA adjustment is not applied to a pay matrix and given to staff, you are not keeping your salary in the necessary range to retain and recruit qualified applicants. Also, you are falling further behind other agencies in the area making it more difficult to recruit new applicants, and impossible to recruit seasoned applicants.

A brief overview of two positions on our matrix, officers and dispatchers, shows the pay amount and percentage of increase that staff currently receives. Out of 20 years of service, only 5 years provide a reasonable percentage (highlighted in green on the following page), which still does not offer enough additional money per paycheck to take a family of 4 out to eat for one night. Once a staff member hits 19 years of service, they no longer receive additional steps, or any increases. You are disincentivizing tenure and essentially telling senior officers to leave the agency, taking their knowledge and experience with them, especially when a COLA is not applied.

CODE POSITIONS:

The question has arisen regarding the police department having too many positions in the code division. Currently, we have 4 positions in that division.

- Code Supervisor: Performs code enforcement and police duties as dual certified.
- Health Officer: Performs health inspections for food establishments, day cares, pools and code.
- Code Officer: Performs code enforcement and short-term rental inspections; cross training for health.
- Code Officer: Performs code enforcement.

Our Code division works hard to give you a cleaner city by working with our citizens in achieving this goal together. Due to a number of years for lack of code enforcement, our city has an increased number of concerns and code violations as compared to other cities. In comparing our number of cases and inspections, we perform 2-4 times the amount than other cities in our areas do. Freeport is more than three times the size of Clute with a beach and Freeport is the size of Clute and Angleton combined. In addition, several members of our code division perform multiple job functions of different positions to reduce service interruptions for our community.

DATA COLLECTED:

FPD Pay Matrix shows examples of two positions and the small percentage of increases they receive each year.

For example, a 6 month Clute PD Officer's salary, is almost to a 4 year Freeport PD Officer's salary. A new hire Angleton and Lake Jackson PD Officer's salary is almost to a 7 year Freeport PD Officer's salary.

STEP	Officer	Hourly	Percent	Dispatcher	Hourly	Percent
0	\$56,557.35	\$0.00	0.00%	\$42,603.93	\$0.00	0.00%
1	\$57,154.35	\$0.29	1.04%	\$43,084.48	\$0.23	1.12%
2	\$57,751.35	\$0.29	1.03%	\$43,565.03	\$0.23	1.10%
3	\$58,348.35	\$0.29	1.02%	\$44,045.58	\$0.23	1.09%
4	\$58,945.35	\$0.29	1.22%	\$44,526.13	\$0.23	1.30%
5	\$59,661.74	\$0.34	1.60%	\$45,102.78	\$0.28	1.70%
6	\$60,616.94	\$0.46	2.36%	\$45,871.66	\$0.37	2.51%
7	\$62,049.74	\$0.69	3.85%	\$47,024.98	\$0.55	4.09%
8	\$64,437.73	\$1.15	3.71%	\$48,947.17	\$0.92	3.93%
9	\$66,825.72	\$1.15	3.57%	\$50,869.37	\$0.92	3.78%
10	\$69,213.72	\$1.15	3.45%	\$52,791.57	\$0.92	3.64%
11	\$71,601.71	\$1.15	3.00%	\$54,713.76	\$0.92	3.16%
12	\$73,750.90	\$1.03	2.59%	\$56,443.74	\$0.83	2.72%
13	\$75,661.30	\$0.92	2.21%	\$57,981.49	\$0.74	2.32%
14	\$77,332.89	\$0.80	0.93%	\$59,327.03	\$0.65	0.97%
15	\$78,049.29	\$0.34	0.76%	\$59,903.69	\$0.28	0.77%
16	\$78,646.29	\$0.29	0.76%	\$60,364.24	\$0.22	0.83%
17	\$79,243.29	\$0.29	0.75%	\$60,864.79	\$0.24	0.79%
18	\$79,840.29	\$0.29	0.75%	\$61,345.34	\$0.23	0.78%
19	\$80,437.29	\$0.29	0.00%	\$61,825.88	\$0.23	0.00%
20	\$80,437.29	\$0.00	0.00%	\$61,825.88	\$0.00	0.00%

These two charts show the percentage of COLA provided to the PD in the past, verses what the standard was across the United States, in addition to the hourly rate of two positions in comparison to other cities.

COLA HISTORY			
Year	City %	PD %	USA %
2019-2020	3.5%	3.5%	1.6%
2020-2021	3%	3%	1.3%
2021-2022	3.5%	Matrix	5.9%
2022-2023	3.5%	3.5%	8.7%
2023-2024	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%
2024-2025	3%	0%	2.5%
TOTAL	20.0%	13.5%	23.2%

HOURLY RATES		
City	Officer	Dispatcher
Angleton	\$29.61	\$20.68
Clute (6mo)	\$27.48 / \$28.30	\$20.70 / \$21.34
Lake Jackson	\$29.52	\$19.95
Freeport	\$27.19	\$20.48

This chart provides you with the number of Code & Health staff at different cities, plus their number of inspections/cases.

CODE & HEALTH			
City	Sq. Miles	# Positions	# Inspections
Angleton	11.3	4	Unknown
Clute	5.3	2	468
Lake Jackson	20.93	5	1074
Freeport	17.1	4	1931



Freeport Police Department

The Freeport Police Department is proud to be an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency through the Texas Police Chief Association. The Texas Police Chiefs Association works diligently to monitor and maintain standards throughout our state, and our nation. Part of that includes keeping abreast to changes in crime trends, policing cultures and communities' desires and demands. The Freeport Police Department continues to work towards the 21st Century Policing Pillars to better serve their community.

- Building Trust & Legitimacy - Technology & Social Media - Training & Education -

- Policy & Oversight - Community Policing & Crime Reduction - Officer Wellness & Safety -

The Freeport Police Department strictly follows required standards set by state and federal agencies:

- Texas Commission On Law Enforcement (TCOLE)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS)
- Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA)
- Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP)
- Texas Government Code (GC)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Texas Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Texas Environmental Health Association (TEHA)
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)
- Texas Attorney General's Office (AG)

In comparing cities with Freeport, we want to consider what do the citizens of Freeport and its leadership want, and expect, from their police department. Freeport has two to three total square miles than any other city listed. So for comparison, ***Freeport is more than three times the size of Clute with a beach and Freeport is the size of Clute and Angleton combined.*** It is important to review any influx of population that a city may encounter, often referred to as a "daytime population", due to various contributing factors. Considering information, such as large businesses and a beach, creates an influx of non-residents frequenting the area. Staffing levels are often viewed as what current risk is actively occurring, when in reality they should be viewed as what are we at risk for in our community. Freeport also has the highest percentage of rental property and a higher number of multi-family housing, which can lead to more transient population and individuals who may be less invested in our community.

Patrol officers, corporals, sergeants and even investigators perform all functions of a police officer: answer calls for service, patrol neighborhoods, enforce traffic laws, arrest violators, and if they have sufficient time and appropriate direction, reduce crime. All supervisors and investigators within our agency have multiple responsibilities. All of our non-sworn staff such as dispatch, records, code, jailers and animal control perform additional job responsibilities and are cross trained at other positions. This provides a better service to our community to not only have more knowledgeable staff that are capable of handling multiple situations, but keeps a continuous flow of services for our community with little or no interruptions.

In conclusion, the Freeport Police Department has a dedicated group of men and women, sworn and non-sworn, who take serving their community to another level with the multi-job functions they perform regularly. When looking at the current numbers of our sworn police staff in the neighboring cities, at first glance we appear similar. When you take the additional factors into consideration such as square miles, calls for service, increased traffic from business and beaches, plus community involvement, and the fact that 4 of the other agencies have requested and/or are receiving additional police personnel, Freeport PD could utilize additional staff to serve our citizens better. It is our vision to provide our community with a quality of life where they feel safe and secure. Freeport

PD will continue to work diligently towards this vision while enhancing public safety through our core values: professionalism, respect, integrity, compassion, accountability and transparency.

We provide you all this information for consideration with our budget request. Our primary request is to provide at least a 5.5% COLA across all positions, since PD staff did not receive one last year, it leaves us falling behind. We want to work towards being competitive with wages and decrease turn-over. If we do not, we will continue to fail to retain staff and lose them to neighboring agencies that pay more. This ultimately cost the city more money to hire and train new staff, to only lose them again. ***Each time we replace one member of the PD staff, it cost the city \$26,000-\$30,000, depending on the position.***

We also request the increase in department overtime budget by \$120,000 to accurately reflect the needs of the department. ***Current overtime budget is \$120,000, causing a deficit of \$15,000 immediately due to holiday hours.*** Holiday hours are counted as hours worked. Each holiday, Dispatch and Patrol are generally pushed into overtime. There are 13.5 Holidays at the current hourly rate creates almost \$135,000 in overtime. This does not include additional shifts for events, court, trainings, coverage and beach.

QUESTIONS RESEARCHED:	FREEPORT	CLUTE	ANGLETON	BAY CITY	EL CAMPO	ROCKPORT
City population	10,700	10,700	20,206	17,500	13000	10,900
County population	Brazoria-398,900	Brazoria -398,900	Brazoria -398,900	Matagorda-36,400	Wharton -41,700	Aransas -23,374
Total square miles	17.1	5.3	11.3	8.5	7.5	13.9
Total staff	55 total	47 total	51 total	60 total	44 total	33 total
How many sworn (police)?	32	29	38	38	34	27
How many non-sworn (civilian)?	19	14	13	22	10	6
Do you have a city jail or does your county take all arrestees?	City Jail.	City Jail.	City Jail.	County Jail.	City Jail for Class C	County Jail.
Do you have a different day time, working, or travel population?	Yes, plants and beach.	Yes, chemical plants.	No.	Yes.	It stays consistent.	Weekend tourist and snow birds.
What percentage of rental houses do you have?	46%	5%	25%	Unknown	Mostly homeowners.	25%
How many multi-family housing with 25 units plus do you have?	17	15	25	Unanswered.	Unanswered.	20 RV parks.
2023 statistical data:						
# of Traffic stops	4219	5896	7818	4516	5574	5638
# of 911 calls	6234	6046	7447	9418	7695	County wide.
# of Calls for service	29,296	29,629	6694	27,269	18,929	9097
# of Arrest	661	741	109	1006	399	292
# of Reports/Cases	1659	1346	2139	2222	1361	1179
# of Violent Crimes	222	262	61	465	Unknown.	39
	FREEPORT	CLUTE	ANGLETON	BAY CITY	EL CAMPO	ROCKPORT
Patrol	21	20	24	23	21	19
Specialty & Patrol	4	1	4	4	5	0
Investigations	5	5	6	7	5	5
Admin Supervisor	1	2	3	3	2	2
TOTAL POLICE	32	29	38	38	34	27



Freeport Police Department 2025-2026 Budget Requests



The mission of the Freeport Police Department is to enhance public safety and serve our community through our core values: Professionalism, Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, and Transparency. It is our vision to provide our community with a quality of life where they feel safe and secure.

Financial Goals:

- Provide at least a 5.5% COLA across all positions to work towards being competitive with wages and decrease turn-over.
- Increase Department Overtime Budget by \$120,000 to accurately reflect the needs of the department.
 - Holiday is counted as hours worked.
 - Dispatch and Patrol are generally pushed into overtime at each holiday.
 - 13.5 Holidays at the current hourly rate creates almost \$135,000 in overtime.
 - Current overtime budget is \$120,000, causing a deficit of \$15,000 immediately.
 - Does not include additional shifts for events, court, trainings, coverage and beach.
- Update and increase cyber infrastructure for better security and continued compliance on CJIS requirements.
 - Microsoft 2022
 - Building Camera Storage
 - Jail Cameras
 - 911 equipment and room
- Update building to include remodel of spaces and office furniture to increase usable space within the building.
 - Server Relocation
 - Replace Office Chairs
 - Remove Radio Antenna Tower and Provide Surge Protection
- Return to 5 year vehicle replacement to drive down cost of vehicle repairs as units run high mileage.

Grant Goals:

- Increase department and city-wide security through various programs and equipment that can aid Officers & Detectives in Crime Prevention and Crime Solving.
 - LPR (License Plate Reader) Cameras
 - Server Switch: Servers and other critical devices plug into this and switch is end of life.
- Update building to include remodel of spaces and furniture to increase usable space in the building.
 - Dispatch Desk Consoles
- Replace Beach UTV Buggy.

Objectives/Non-Financial Goals:

- Combine Police Department & Code Budget as one budget for more efficient processing.
- Partner with Finance Department in creating a more cohesive and transparent budget.
- Decrease the amount of Community Events outside of Freeport placing focus on events that enrich our direct community.



Freeport Police Department



President Barak Obama's Task Force On 21st Century Policing Model:

- Building Trust & Legitimacy - Technology & Social Media - Training & Education -***
 - Policy & Oversight - Community Policing & Crime Reduction - Officer Wellness & Safety -***
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Below are some of the accomplishments we have achieved from 2023 – 2025:

- Created process and oversight for complaints and compliments of staff and department.
- Created a training and development program for incoming employees, current staff and supervisors.
- Created a cross-training program for all positions as a part of succession planning.
- Created an officer fitness and wellness program.
- Created a fair, standard and equitable process for hiring, disciplinaries and promotions.
- Created by-laws and constitution for FPD non-profit organization.
- Created 3 additional programs under non-profit organization for more community outreach.
- Created program to assist homeless in locating services.
- Created Emergency Response Team within department to prepare for major events.
- Created hurricane protocols and procedures for department.
- Created emergency dispatch protocols and procedures.
- Created Citizen Police Academy curriculum.
- Updated policies and procedures to reflect TCOLE models and TPCA Accreditation standards.
- Achieved Re-Accreditation through TPCA.
- Updated equipment and technology through capital projects and grants.
- Received over \$568,000 in grants.
- Updated PD programs: Field Training, Firearms, Special Response Team, K9, and Marine.
- Implemented measures to track and manage programs.
- Assumed responsibility of an additional division to rebrand their community image.
- Maintained department in an active role in community events each year.
- Projects Completed/In Progress: Building Generator, Public Works Radio System, Radio Encryption and Expansion, Dispatch Emergency/Back-Up, and City Wide Narcan stations.



City Council Agenda Item #[3.A]

Title: Public Hearing for the FY2025-2026 Annual Budget
Date: August 25, 2025
From: Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director

Staff Recommendation:

Item Summary: Staff would like to give the public another opportunity to speak on the annual budget. A formal public hearing will be held on the night of the vote as well.

Background Information:

Special Considerations:

Financial Impact:

Board or 3rd Party Recommendation:

Supporting Documentation:

1. Proposed Budget Presentation

CITY OF FREEPORT

FY2025-2026

UPDATED - PROPOSED BUDGET



Presentation prepared for Public Hearing for 8/25/2025 meeting

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GENERAL FUND – OVERALL SUMMARY

	FY2022-2023 ACTUALS	FY2023- 2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024-2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
REVENUE TOTAL	\$21,413,066	\$21,458,191	\$19,476,665	\$22,042,573	\$21,115,145
EXPENDITURES TOTAL	16,976,689	20,054,342	18,788,140	17,253,992	19,492,968
BEG. FUND BALANCE	5,496,040	6,933,321	7,340,233	6,533,030	10,759,946
REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES	4,436,377	1,403,849	798,525	4,788,581	1,622,177
NET TRANSFERS	(2,999,095)	(1,804,141)	(561,665)	(561,665)	169,635
ENDING FUND BALANCE	6,933,321	6,533,030	7,577,094	10,759,946	12,551,758
90 DAY RESERVE	4,198,867	4,896,541	4,669,535	4,308,404	4,873,242
AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE	\$2,734,454	\$1,636,489	2,907,559	6,451,542	9,856,059

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY

	FY2022-2023 ACTUALS	FY2023-2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024-2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Increase / (Decrease)
Industrial Districts	\$8,954,728	\$9,423,021	\$9,389,300	\$10,545,561	\$10,475,000	\$1,085,700
Property Tax	3,167,166	3,397,417	3,370,000	3,455,000	3,415,000	45,000
Sales Tax	2,471,744	2,649,294	2,450,000	2,495,000	2,680,000	230,000
Charges for Service	2,306,951	2,444,863	2,224,200	2,752,400	2,575,250	351,050
Franchise & Other Taxes	724,988	713,297	715,000	696,000	689,000	(26,000)
Intergovernmental	1,756,606	633,846	152,000	564,312	165,000	13,000
Fines & Forfeits	191,086	233,483	222,600	251,050	230,050	7,450
Miscellaneous Income	759,070	1,254,199	215,000	581,050	268,500	53,500
Lease Income	60,876	17,012	175,765	173,000	134,545	(41,220)
Investment Earnings	481,374	553,846	300,000	370,000	330,000	30,000
License and Permits	538,477	137,913	262,800	159,200	152,800	(110,000)
Revenue Total	\$21,413,066	\$21,458,191	\$19,476,665	\$22,042,573	\$21,115,145	\$1,638,480

GENERAL FUND - REVENUE CHANGES

- Industrial District revenue was adjusted to proper allocation amounts
- Property Tax revenue is based on actuals with no tax increase
- Sales Tax was increased by 2% per Comptroller data (*City gets 1.5% and EDC gets .5%*)
- Charges for Service revenue was increased by 16% (*Golf & Ambulance biggest contributors*)
- Franchise & Other Taxes revenue decreased by 4% based on actuals
- Miscellaneous Income increased by 25% based on actuals
- Fines & Forfeits increased by 3% based on actuals
- Lease Income decreased by 23% to reflect the loss of the City Hall tenant
- Intergovernmental increased by 9% based on actuals for EMS Interlocal
- License and Permits decreased by 42% based on actuals
- Interest Income increased by 10% based on actuals (*Combined with the decreasing interest rates*)

Overall Revenue increased \$1,638,480 over the FY2024-2025 Adopted Budget

Transfers were updated by \$19,635 to include the EDC transfer to supplement the Main Street Coordinator salary

Revenue projections did not change with this Proposed update**

GENERAL FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	FY2022-2023 ACTUALS	FY2023-2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024-2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Increase / (Decrease)
Administration	\$2,398,690	\$2,804,664	\$2,091,359	\$1,946,642	\$2,131,050	39,691
Information Technology	521,163	416,857	493,358	396,550	307,150	(186,208)
Municipal Court	278,525	249,065	260,830	269,336	256,905	(3,925)
Police / Animal Control	4,949,804	5,864,196	6,086,942	5,174,378	6,461,095	374,153
Fire	1,498,388	1,503,133	1,717,303	1,455,931	1,747,076	19,773
EMS	909,426	993,214	1,152,227	1,048,371	1,256,560	104,333
Streets / Drainage	1,447,827	1,454,419	1,456,908	1,436,699	1,569,205	112,297
Service Center	202,594	464,614	214,666	196,041	220,940	6,274
Beach Maintenance	30,745	7,959	42,850	26,694	42,850	-
Garbage	747,174	763,915	775,000	747,000	755,000	(20,000)
Building / Permits	278,817	279,323	478,502	411,325	491,359	12,857
Code Enforcement	452,232	399,495	356,227	334,729	419,740	63,513

GENERAL FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	FY2022-2023 ACTUALS	FY2023-2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024-2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	Increase / (Decrease)
Library	36,451	26,445	51,850	34,059	42,200	(9,650)
Parks	1,191,375	1,227,823	1,316,140	1,035,632	1,264,715	(51,425)
Recreation	350,601	329,216	525,869	349,686	488,381	(37,488)
Sr. Citizen's Commission	7,588	17,182	17,500	16,500	18,000	500
Golf Course	1,382,506	1,486,179	1,324,854	1,357,581	1,535,473	210,619
Historical Museum	292,785	211,006	343,230	262,899	332,419	(10,811)
Main Street	-	113,757	72,525	13,700	152,850	80,325
Emergency Mgmt	-	4,576	-	500	-	-
Hurricane Beryl	-	1,437,304	-	740,239	-	-
Expenditure Total	\$16,976,689	\$20,054,342	\$18,788,140	\$17,253,992	\$19,492,968	\$704,828

WATER/SEWER – OVERALL SUMMARY

	FY2022-2023 ACTUALS	FY2023- 2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024-2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
REVENUE TOTAL	\$8,992,824	\$10,502,689	\$7,950,000	\$10,502,975	\$8,516,710
EXPENDITURES TOTAL	7,578,353	7,505,561	7,846,078	10,158,042	7,725,671
BEG. FUND BALANCE	5,011,419	8,422,932	11,951,130	11,951,130	11,844,413
REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES	1,414,471	2,997,128	103,922	344,933	791,039
NET TRANSFERS	(390,725)	531,070	(451,650)	(451,650)	(791,039)
ENDING FUND BALANCE	8,446,050	11,951,130	11,603,402	11,844,413	11,844,413
90 DAY RESERVE	2,315,002	2,451,425	2,589,206	2,403,012	2,549,471
AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE	6,131,048	9,499,705	9,014,196	9,441,400	9,294,941

WATER/SEWER – REVENUE SUMMARY

	FY2022- 2023 ACTUALS	FY2023- 2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024- 2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE / (DECREASE)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,048,606	2,092,254	4,000	3,107,475	30,000	26,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,936,879	14,600	127,000	147,400	147,500	20,500
BOND PROCEEDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	20,074	38,227	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
WATER & SEWER SERVICES	7,926,352	8,357,607	7,804,000	7,087,500	8,324,210	520,210
REVENUE TOTAL	10,931,911	10,502,689	7,950,000	10,357,375	8,516,710	566,710

WATER/SEWER – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	FY2022-2023 ACTUALS	FY2023-2024 ACTUALS	FY2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2024-2025 ESTIMATE	FY2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE / (DECREASE)
REVENUE TOTAL	\$10,931,911	\$10,502,689	\$7,950,000	\$10,502,975	\$8,516,710	\$(542,120)
SALARIES	100,584	120,943	204,932	120,000	181,880	(46,552)
BENEFITS	52,108	62,493	82,676	55,071	92,741	(3,935)
SUPPLIES	33,202	27,290	58,700	35,600	38,500	(18,200)
SERVICES	6,142,994	6,404,863	7,340,270	7,197,275	7,026,875	(146,970)
MAINTENANCE	58,587	100,096	115,000	15,100	15,100	(101,000)
SUNDRY	627,684	712,875	44,500	30,600	30,600	(12,550)
DEBT SERVICE	91,397	76,369	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	633	-	2,876,186	-	-
TRANSFERS	390,725	(531,070)	451,650	451,650	791,039	337,189
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	7,497,280	6,974,491	8,297,728	10,612,692	8,516,710	(120,407)

DISCUSSION



City Council Agenda Item #[4.A]

Title: Consideration and possible action on setting the City of Freeport proposed 2025 tax rate, setting the public hearing (if necessary), and directing staff to publish the Notice of Proposed 2025 tax rate.

Date: August 25, 2025

From: Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council propose a tax rate in the amount of \$0.514210 per \$100 valuation. A vote on the proposed tax rate must be a record vote. The voter-approval rate is \$0.548749, and staff recommends adopting the lesser no-new-revenue rate of \$0.514210

On August 4th, Council made a motion to set the public hearing and adoption on September 2nd. However, the tax rate had not been formally proposed. Because we have to have the motion made for the tax rate and advertise the voting date for seven (7) days, staff recommends setting the vote for the tax rate on Monday, September 15, 2025, with the adoption of the budget on the same date. A public hearing is only necessary if the tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue rate.

Motions:

1. **to set the proposed tax rate not to exceed \$0.514210 per \$100 in property valuation.**
2. **to set the vote for the tax rate on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at 430 N Brazosport, Freeport, TX**

Item Summary: The FY2025-2026 Proposed Budget was developed utilizing a projected taxable value and debt service amount, which did not increase property tax rates. Since then the City has received the final calculations based on an 2025 total taxable value of \$798,029,336. Of that total taxable value, \$2,880,142 is from new taxable values.

The calculations performed by the Tax Assessor gave the City the required rates that have been calculated and submitted to the governing body as follows:

No New Revenue Tax Rate: \$0.514210

Debt Rate: \$0.062940

Voter Approval Tax Rate including Unused Increment Rate: \$0.548749

Background Information: Local government taxing units must provide notice using language specified in the Property Tax Code. The required notice may be published in a newspaper or by mailing it to each property owner in the city or county, as applicable. If published, it must also be placed on the homepage of the taxing unit's website.



Should Council propose a rate higher than the No-New Revenue Rate, a public hearing on the tax increase is required. After publishing the required notice, taxing units must hold one public hearing. A quorum of the governing body must be present at the hearing.

The public hearing must be held at least seven days after the date notice of the public hearing is given. This hearing must be held on a weekday that is not a public holiday and must take place in a public building inside the taxing unit's boundaries or a suitable building to which the public have normal access. Taxpayers must have the opportunity to express their views on the increase at the hearing.

Council may adopt the tax rate at this hearing. If Council does not vote on the proposed tax rate at the public hearing, Council must announce at the public hearing the date, time and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the tax rate.

Special Considerations: If Council proposes the No New Revenue Rate, a Public Hearing is not required by tax law. The City must simply publish a notice of the meeting to vote on the tax rate. Additionally, the deadline to approve a tax rate for the consolidated tax bill is September 20, 2025.

Financial Impact:

Based on the 2025 Certified Estimate, the following table shows the financial impact of each rate. The current tax rate is above the No New Revenue Rate but below the Voter Approval Tax Rate.

Description of Rate	Total Rate	M & O Rate	Debt Rate	% Over NNR	General Fund (M&O) Revenue	Budget Impact from M&O Rate
No New Revenue Tax Rate*	0.514210	0.451270	0.062940	0.00%	\$3,601,266	\$326,266
Voter Approval Tax Rate	0.548749	0.485809	0.062940	6.72%	\$3,876,898	\$601,898
De Minimis Tax Rate	0.563268	0.500328	0.062940	9.54%	\$3,992,764	\$717,764
<i>Proposed Rate</i>	0.514210	0.451270	0.062940	0.00%	\$3,601,266	\$326,266

**The No New Revenue Tax Rate is the rate to receive the same total amount of revenue from all tax rates but actually reduces the amount of revenue received for maintenance and operations.*

Board or 3rd Party Recommendation: N/A

Supporting Documentation:

None



City Council Agenda Item #[4.B]

Title: Consideration and possible action approving Ordinance No. 2025-2745 adjusting the water and sewer rates, and approving Resolution No. 2025-2946 amending the Master Fee Schedule to reflect the same.

Date: August 25, 2025

From: Ashlee Hurst, Finance Director

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the water/sewer rate adjustment that reflects Council's wishes.

Item Summary: This evening, there were 4 different options presented for adjusting the water/sewer rates to generate more revenue needed to allow the utility fund to operate sufficiently. A recap of those options is listed as:

Option	Proposal	Residential/SBR Impact	Other
E	15% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential	\$4.74	
F	20% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential	\$4.74	
G	15% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential & small business restaurants	\$4.74	
H	20% others, 10% sewer and 5% water for residential & small business restaurants	\$4.74	

Background Information: The utility fund needs to generate more revenue to offset the increase in operating and debt service costs for a total of \$1,162,830.

Special Considerations: Staff would like to get this discussed and adopted tonight, so the final budget coming out at the next meeting can accurately reflect the change.

Financial Impact: Option E - Would cover the deficit and allow approximately \$258,008 to be allocated to other projects and/or cash reserves.

Option F - Would cover the deficit and allow approximately \$526,988 to be allocated to other projects and/or cash reserves.

Option G - Would cover the deficit and allow approximately \$250,008 to be allocated to other projects and/or cash reserves.

Option H - Would cover the deficit and allow approximately \$516,988 to be allocated to other projects and/or cash reserves.



Board or 3rd Party Recommendation: N/A

Supporting Documentation:

1. Ordinance - Water and Sewer Rate Increase 2025 Option E-2 DUNCAN
2. Ordinance - Water and Sewer Rate Increase 2025 Option F-2 DUNCAN
3. Ordinance - Water and Sewer Rate Increase 2025 Option G DUNCAN
4. Ordinance - Water and Sewer Rate Increase 2025 Option H DUNCAN
5. Proposed New Rates - Option E
6. Proposed New Rates - Option F
7. Proposed New Rates - Option G
8. Proposed New Rates - Option H
9. City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule - Option E
10. City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule - Option F
11. City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule - Option G
12. City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule - Option H
13. Resolution - Master Fee Water and Sewer Rate Increase

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 52.15 AND 52.16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIONS FOR WATER CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATIONS AND INCREASE THE RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FURNISHED TO RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS AND ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FOR WATER AND SEWER AND WATER ONLY SERVICES FURNISHED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND FOR WATER FURNISHED TO RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS AND ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025; CONTAINING SAVINGS CLAUSES; CONTAINING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, Texas, (“the City”) is a "Home Rule City" and a "Home Rule Municipality" lying and situated in Brazoria County, Texas, as described in and defined by Section 5, Article XI of the Constitution of Texas and Section 1.005 of the Local Government Code of Texas, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 51 and 402 of the Local Government Code of Texas and Sections 2.01, 2.02, 3.07(n) and (u) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Freeport authorize the City Council thereof to adopt the provisions of this Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport (“City”) owns and operates a municipal water utility system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clearly define customer classifications in order to ensure fair and consistent application of rates, charges, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents to adopt definitions for water customer classifications;

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

First, Division (A) of Section 52-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(A)(1) DEFINITIONS:

(a) Small Residential Customer – A Small Residential Customer shall be limited to the following:

A single-family dwelling unit, duplex, townhouse, apartment unit, or mobile home that is primarily used for permanent living accommodations with a ¾” meter.

Includes existing individually metered units within a multi-family complex, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter.

(b) Large Residential Customer – A Large Residential Customer is residential customer with a meter larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

(c) Commercial Customer – A Commercial Customer is any facility or establishment engaged in trade, business, professional services, office operations, retail sales, lodging, or other non-industrial, non-residential use. Common examples include office buildings, retail stores, hotels, schools, and churches.

(d) Industrial Customer - An Industrial Customer includes real estate and land used for production, manufacturing, storage, and distribution of goods, such as warehouses, factories, and distribution centers. These properties are designed for heavy industrial activities, often involving heavy machinery and equipment, and are typically closed to the public, unlike commercial properties like offices or retail stores.

(e) Small Business Restaurant Customer – A Small Business Restaurant Customer is:

1. A food-service establishment whose primary purpose is the preparation and sale of food or beverages for on premises or off premises consumption, and
2. Limited to food-service establishments that do not exceed either [5,000] square feet of gross floor area or fifty [50] seats, and
3. Such business has a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter, and
4. Does not include franchises, banquet halls, or commercial catering businesses.

(A)(2) Sewer Rates - The city shall provide sewer service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

Sewer service furnished to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter within the corporate limits of the city shall be charged as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	\$15.43 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$5.32 per 1,000 gal.

Sewer service is provided to all other customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$21.55 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$27.70 (base fee)
2" meter	\$44.64 (base fee)
3" meter	\$169.28 (base fee)
4" meter	\$215.43 (base fee)

6" meter	\$323.17 (base fee)
8" meter	\$446.26 (base fee)
10" meter	\$573.59 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$11.62 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$16.72 per 1,000 gal.

Second, Section 52-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(A)(1) DEFINITIONS: The definitions applicable to this section shall be the same as those definitions contained in Section 52-16.

(A)(2). Water Rates The city shall provide water service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

For water supplied to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a ¾" meter within the corporate limits of the city shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	\$19.39 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$6.70 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$8.82 per 1,000 gal.

For water provided to all other customers:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$29.82 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$38.35 (base fee)
2" meter	\$61.71 (base fee)
3" meter	\$234.24 (base fee)
4" meter	\$298.48 (base fee)
6" meter	\$447.17 (base fee)
8" meter	\$617.50 (base fee)
10" meter	\$800.48 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$13.94 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$18.37 per 1,000 gal.

(B) The city shall provide water service to customers outside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$44.74 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$57.50 (base fee)
2" meter	\$92.61 (base fee)
3" meter	\$361.36 (base fee)
4" meter	\$447.07 (base fee)
6" meter	\$670.60 (base fee)
8" meter	\$926.06 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,183.06 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$20.87 per 1,000 gal.

(C) The city shall provide water-only service to customers inside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$42.57 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$54.75 (base fee)
2" meter	\$88.72 (base fee)
3" meter	\$334.50 (base fee)
4" meter	\$425.72 (base fee)
6" meter	\$638.56 (base fee)
8" meter	\$881.81 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,125.69 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$14.69 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$19.38 per 1,000 gal.

Third, this ordinance is cumulative of and in addition to all other ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, on the same subject and all ordinances are hereby expressly saved from repeal.

Fourth, where this ordinance and another ordinance conflict or overlap, this ordinance shall prevail.

Fifth, nothing contained in this ordinance shall cause any rights heretofore vested to be altered, affected or impaired in any way and all such rights may be hereafter enforced as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

Sixth, if any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such defective provision, if

any, is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Seventh, ADMINISTRATION. The City Manager, or designee, shall be authorized to classify customers in accordance with the definitions herein and to determine the appropriate customer classification for billing and service purposes. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the City Manager may be appealed to the City Council.

Eighth, EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law, and the rates contained herein shall be effective October 1, 2025

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jerry Cain, Mayor,
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary,
City of Freeport, Texas

Christopher Duncan, Interim City Attorney,
City of Freeport, Texas

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Includes existing individually metered units within a multi-family complex, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter.

(b) Large Residential Customer – A Large Residential Customer is residential customer with a meter larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

(c) Commercial Customer – A Commercial Customer is any facility or establishment engaged in trade, business, professional services, office operations, retail sales, lodging, or other non-industrial, non-residential use. Common examples include office buildings, retail stores, hotels, schools, and churches.

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2. Limited to food-service establishments that do not exceed either [5,000] square feet of gross floor area or fifty [50] seats, and
3. Such business has a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter, and
4. Does not include franchises, banquet halls, or commercial catering businesses.

(A)(2) Sewer Rates - The city shall provide sewer service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

Sewer service furnished to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter within the corporate limits of the city shall be charged as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	\$15.43 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$5.32 per 1,000 gal.

Sewer service is provided to all other customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$22.49 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$28.91 (base fee)
2" meter	\$46.58 (base fee)
3" meter	\$176.64 (base fee)
4" meter	\$224.80 (base fee)

6" meter	\$337.22 (base fee)
8" meter	\$465.66 (base fee)
10" meter	\$598.52 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$12.12 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$17.45 per 1,000 gal.

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For water supplied to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a ¾" meter within the corporate limits of the city shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	\$19.39 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$6.70 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$8.82 per 1,000 gal.

For water provided to all other customers:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$31.12 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$40.02 (base fee)
2" meter	\$64.39 (base fee)
3" meter	\$244.43 (base fee)
4" meter	\$311.46 (base fee)
6" meter	\$466.61 (base fee)
8" meter	\$644.35 (base fee)
10" meter	\$835.28 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$14.54 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$19.16 per 1,000 gal.

(B) The city shall provide water service to customers outside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$46.68 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$60.00 (base fee)
2" meter	\$96.64 (base fee)
3" meter	\$377.08 (base fee)
4" meter	\$466.51 (base fee)
6" meter	\$699.76 (base fee)
8" meter	\$966.32 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,234.50 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$21.78 per 1,000 gal.

(C) The city shall provide water-only service to customers inside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$44.42 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$57.13 (base fee)
2" meter	\$92.58 (base fee)
3" meter	\$349.04 (base fee)
4" meter	\$444.23 (base fee)
6" meter	\$666.32 (base fee)
8" meter	\$920.15 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,174.63 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$15.32 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$20.22 per 1,000 gal.

Third, this ordinance is cumulative of and in addition to all other ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, on the same subject and all ordinances are hereby expressly saved from repeal.

Fourth, where this ordinance and another ordinance conflict or overlap, this ordinance shall prevail.

Fifth, nothing contained in this ordinance shall cause any rights heretofore vested to be altered, affected or impaired in any way and all such rights may be hereafter enforced as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

Sixth, if any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such defective provision, if

any, is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Seventh, ADMINISTRATION. The City Manager, or designee, shall be authorized to classify customers in accordance with the definitions herein and to determine the appropriate customer classification for billing and service purposes. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the City Manager may be appealed to the City Council.

Eighth, EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law, and the rates contained herein shall be effective October 1, 2025

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jerry Cain, Mayor,
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary,
City of Freeport, Texas

Christopher Duncan, Interim City Attorney,
City of Freeport, Texas

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; AMENDING SECTIONS 52.15 AND 52.16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIONS FOR WATER CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATIONS AND INCREASE THE RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FURNISHED TO RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS AND ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FOR WATER AND SEWER AND WATER ONLY SERVICES FURNISHED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND FOR WATER FURNISHED TO RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS AND ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025; CONTAINING SAVINGS CLAUSES; CONTAINING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, Texas, (“the City”) is a "Home Rule City" and a "Home Rule Municipality" lying and situated in Brazoria County, Texas, as described in and defined by Section 5, Article XI of the Constitution of Texas and Section 1.005 of the Local Government Code of Texas, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 51 and 402 of the Local Government Code of Texas and Sections 2.01, 2.02, 3.07(n) and (u) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Freeport authorize the City Council thereof to adopt the provisions of this Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport (“City”) owns and operates a municipal water utility system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clearly define customer classifications in order to ensure fair and consistent application of rates, charges, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents to adopt definitions for water customer classifications;

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

First, Division (A) of Section 52-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(A)(1) DEFINITIONS:

(a) Small Residential Customer – A Small Residential Customer shall be limited to the following:

A single-family dwelling unit, duplex, townhouse, apartment unit, or mobile home that is primarily used for permanent living accommodations with a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” meter.

Includes existing individually metered units within a multi-family complex, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” meter.

(b) Large Residential Customer – A Large Residential Customer is residential customer with a meter larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ”.

(c) Commercial Customer – A Commercial Customer is any facility or establishment engaged in trade, business, professional services, office operations, retail sales, lodging, or other non-industrial, non-residential use. Common examples include office buildings, retail stores, hotels, schools, and churches.

(d) Industrial Customer - An Industrial Customer includes real estate and land used for production, manufacturing, storage, and distribution of goods, such as warehouses, factories, and distribution centers. These properties are designed for heavy industrial activities, often involving heavy machinery and equipment, and are typically closed to the public, unlike commercial properties like offices or retail stores.

(e) Small Business Restaurant Customer – A Small Business Restaurant Customer is:

1. A food-service establishment whose primary purpose is the preparation and sale of food or beverages for on premises or off premises consumption, and
2. Limited to food-service establishments that do not exceed either [5,000] square feet of gross floor area or fifty [50] seats, and
3. Such business has a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” meter, and
4. Does not include franchises, banquet halls, or commercial catering businesses.

(A)(2) Sewer Rates - The city shall provide sewer service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

Sewer service furnished to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a $\frac{3}{4}$ ” meter within the corporate limits of the city shall be charged as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	\$15.43 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$5.32 per 1,000 gal.

Sewer service is provided to all other customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$21.55 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$27.70 (base fee)
2" meter	\$44.64 (base fee)
3" meter	\$169.28 (base fee)
4" meter	\$215.43 (base fee)
6" meter	\$323.17 (base fee)
8" meter	\$446.26 (base fee)
10" meter	\$573.59 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$11.62 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$16.72 per 1,000 gal. "

Second, Section 52-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(A)(1) DEFINITIONS: The definitions applicable to this section shall be the same as those definitions contained in Section 52-16.

(A)(2). Water Rates The city shall provide water service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

For water supplied to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a ¾" meter within the corporate limits of the city shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	\$19.39 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$6.70 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$8.82 per 1,000 gal.

For water provided to all other customers:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$29.82 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$38.35 (base fee)
2" meter	\$61.71 (base fee)
3" meter	\$234.24 (base fee)

4" meter	\$298.48 (base fee)
6" meter	\$447.17 (base fee)
8" meter	\$617.50 (base fee)
10" meter	\$800.48 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$13.94 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$18.37 per 1,000 gal.

(B) The city shall provide water service to all customers outside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$44.74 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$57.50 (base fee)
2" meter	\$92.61 (base fee)
3" meter	\$361.36 (base fee)
4" meter	\$447.07 (base fee)
6" meter	\$670.60 (base fee)
8" meter	\$926.06 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,183.06 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$20.87 per 1,000 gal.

(C) The city shall provide water-only service to customers inside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$42.57 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$54.75 (base fee)
2" meter	\$88.72 (base fee)
3" meter	\$334.50 (base fee)
4" meter	\$425.72 (base fee)
6" meter	\$638.56 (base fee)
8" meter	\$881.81 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,125.69 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$14.69 per 1,000 gal.

12,001 gal. and over

\$19.38 per 1,000 gal.

Third, this ordinance is cumulative of and in addition to all other ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, on the same subject and all ordinances are hereby expressly saved from repeal.

Fourth, where this ordinance and another ordinance conflict or overlap, this ordinance shall prevail.

Fifth, nothing contained in this ordinance shall cause any rights heretofore vested to be altered, affected or impaired in any way and all such rights may be hereafter enforced as if this ordinance had not been adopted.

Sixth, if any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such defective provision, if any, is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Seventh, ADMINISTRATION. The City Manager, or designee, shall be authorized to classify customers in accordance with the definitions herein and to determine the appropriate customer classification for billing and service purposes. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the City Manager may be appealed to the City Council.

Eighth, EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law, and the rates contained herein shall be effective October 1, 2025

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jerry Cain, Mayor,
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary,
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-XXXX

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WHEREAS, the City of Freeport, Texas, (“the City”) is a "Home Rule City" and a "Home Rule Municipality" lying and situated in Brazoria County, Texas, as described in and defined by Section 5, Article XI of the Constitution of Texas and Section 1.005 of the Local Government Code of Texas, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 51 and 402 of the Local Government Code of Texas and Sections 2.01, 2.02, 3.07(n) and (u) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Freeport authorize the City Council thereof to adopt the provisions of this Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport (“City”) owns and operates a municipal water utility system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clearly define customer classifications in order to ensure fair and consistent application of rates, charges, and services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents to adopt definitions for water customer classifications;

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of administering the City’s water utility system, the following customer classifications are hereby established and defined:

First, Division (A) of Section 52-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(A)(1) DEFINITIONS:

(a) Small Residential Customer – A Small Residential Customer shall be limited to the following:

A single-family dwelling unit, duplex, townhouse, apartment unit, or mobile home that is primarily used for permanent living accommodations with a ¾” meter.

Includes existing individually metered units within a multi-family complex, with a ¾” meter.

(b) Large Residential Customer – A Large Residential Customer is residential customer with a meter larger than ¾”.

(c) Commercial Customer – A Commercial Customer is any facility or establishment engaged in trade, business, professional services, office operations, retail sales, lodging, or other non-industrial, non-residential use. Common examples include office buildings, retail stores, hotels, schools, and churches.

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1. A food-service establishment whose primary purpose is the preparation and sale of food or beverages for on premises or off premises consumption, and
2. Limited to food-service establishments that do not exceed either [5,000] square feet of gross floor area or fifty [50] seats, and
3. Such business has a ¾” meter, and
4. Does not include franchises, banquet halls, or commercial catering businesses.

(A)(2) Sewer Rates - The city shall provide sewer service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

Sewer service furnished to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a ¾” meter within the corporate limits of the city shall be charged as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	\$15.43 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$5.32 per 1,000 gal.

Sewer service is provided to all other customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$22.49 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$28.91 (base fee)
2" meter	\$46.58 (base fee)
3" meter	\$176.64 (base fee)
4" meter	\$224.80 (base fee)
6" meter	\$337.22 (base fee)
8" meter	\$465.66 (base fee)
10" meter	\$598.52 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$12.12 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$17.45 per 1,000 gal.

Second, Section 52-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(A)(1) DEFINITIONS: The definitions applicable to this section shall be the same as those definitions contained in Section 52-16.

(A)(2). Water Rates The city shall provide water service to customers within the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

For water supplied to Small Residential Customers and Small Business Restaurant Customers with a ¾" meter within the corporate limits of the city shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	\$19.39 (base fee)
2,001 to 12,000 gal.	\$6.70 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$8.82 per 1,000 gal.

For water provided to all other customers:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.	
1" meter	\$31.12 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$40.02 (base fee)
2" meter	\$64.39 (base fee)
3" meter	\$244.43 (base fee)
4" meter	\$311.46 (base fee)

6" meter	\$466.61 (base fee)
8" meter	\$644.35 (base fee)
10" meter	\$835.28 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$14.54 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$19.16 per 1,000 gal.

(B) The city shall provide water service to customers outside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.

1" meter	\$46.68 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$60.00 (base fee)
2" meter	\$96.64 (base fee)
3" meter	\$377.08 (base fee)
4" meter	\$466.51 (base fee)
6" meter	\$699.76 (base fee)
8" meter	\$966.32 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,234.50 (base fee)
2,001 gal. and over	\$21.78 per 1,000 gal.

(C) The city shall provide water-only service to customers inside the corporate limits of the city and shall charge each customer as follows:

0 gal. to 2,000 gal.

1" meter	\$44.42 (base fee)
1 ½" meter	\$57.13 (base fee)
2" meter	\$92.58 (base fee)
3" meter	\$349.04 (base fee)
4" meter	\$444.23 (base fee)
6" meter	\$666.32 (base fee)
8" meter	\$920.15 (base fee)
10" meter	\$1,174.63 (base fee)
2,001 gal. to 12,000 gal.	\$15.32 per 1,000 gal.
12,001 gal. and over	\$20.22 per 1,000 gal.

Third, this ordinance is cumulative of and in addition to all other ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas, on the same subject and all ordinances are hereby expressly saved from repeal.

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Sixth, if any section or provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, void or inoperative by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such defective provision, if any, is hereby declared to be severable from the remaining sections and provisions of this ordinance and such remaining sections and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Seventh, ADMINISTRATION. The City Manager, or designee, shall be authorized to classify customers in accordance with the definitions herein and to determine the appropriate customer classification for billing and service purposes. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the City Manager may be appealed to the City Council.

Eighth, EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law, and the rates contained herein shall be effective October 1, 2025

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jerry Cain, Mayor,
City of Freeport, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary,
City of Freeport, Texas

Christopher Duncan, Interim City Attorney,
City of Freeport, Texas

City of Freeport
Water/Sewer Rates – “E”
Effective October 2025



Sewer Fees for Single-Family Residences & Multi-Family Residences						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 15.43	Base Fee			
2,001 and over		\$ 5.32	Per 1,000 gal.			
Sewer Fees for Industrial, Offices, & Other Commercial Establishments						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 21.55	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 215.43	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 27.70	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 323.17	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 44.64	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 446.26	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 169.28	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 573.59	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 11.62	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 16.72	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Single-Family Residences & Multi-Family Residences						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 19.39	Base Fee			
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 6.70	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 8.82	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Industrial, Offices, & Other Commercial Establishments						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 29.82	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 298.48	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 38.35	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 447.17	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 61.71	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 617.50	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 234.24	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 800.48	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 13.94	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 18.37	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Customers Outside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 44.74	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 447.07	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 57.50	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 670.60	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 92.61	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 926.06	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 361.36	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,183.06	Base Fee
2,001 gal. and over		\$ 20.87	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Water-Only Service Inside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 42.57	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 425.72	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 54.75	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 638.56	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 88.72	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 881.81	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 334.50	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,125.69	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 14.69	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 19.38	Per 1,000 gal.			

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Sewer Fees for Single-Family Residences & Multi-Fmaily Residences						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 15.43	Base Fee			
2,001 and over		\$ 5.32	Per 1,000 gal.			
Sewer Fees for Industrial, Offices, & Other Commercial Establishments						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 22.49	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 224.80	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 28.91	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 337.22	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 46.58	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 465.66	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 176.64	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 598.52	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 12.12	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 17.45	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Single-Family Residences & Multi-Family Residences						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 19.39	Base Fee			
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 6.70	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 8.82	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Industrial, Offices, & Other Commercial Establishments						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 31.12	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 311.46	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 40.02	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 466.61	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 64.39	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 644.35	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 244.43	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 835.28	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 14.54	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 19.16	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Customers Outside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 46.68	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 466.51	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 60.00	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 699.76	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 96.64	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 966.32	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 377.08	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,234.50	Base Fee
2,001 gal. and over		\$ 21.78	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Water-Only Service Inside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 44.42	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 444.23	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 57.13	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 666.32	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 92.58	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 920.15	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 349.04	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,174.63	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 15.32	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 20.22	Per 1,000 gal.			

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Water/Sewer Rates – "G"
Effective October 2025



Sewer Fees for Residential and Small Business Restaurant Customers						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 15.43	Base Fee			
2,001 and over		\$ 5.32	Per 1,000 gal.			
Sewer for All Other Customers Within the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 21.55	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 215.43	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 27.70	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 323.17	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 44.64	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 446.26	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 169.28	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 573.59	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 11.62	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 16.72	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Residential and Small Business Restaurant Customers With 3/4" Meter						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 19.39	Base Fee			
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 6.70	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 8.82	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for All Other Customers Within the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 29.82	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 298.48	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 38.35	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 447.17	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 61.71	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 617.50	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 234.24	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 800.48	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 13.94	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 18.37	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Customers Outside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 44.74	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 447.07	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 57.50	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 670.60	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 92.61	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 926.06	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 361.36	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,183.06	Base Fee
2,001 gal. and over		\$ 20.87	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Water-Only Service Inside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 42.57	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 425.72	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 54.75	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 638.56	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 88.72	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 881.81	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 334.50	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,125.69	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 14.69	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 19.38	Per 1,000 gal.			

City of Freeport
Water/Sewer Rates - "H"
Effective October 2025



Sewer Fees for Residential and Small Business Restaurant Customers						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 15.43	Base Fee			
2,001 and over		\$ 5.32	Per 1,000 gal.			
Sewer for All Other Customers Within the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 22.49	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 224.80	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 28.91	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 337.22	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 46.58	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 465.66	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 176.64	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 598.52	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 12.12	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 17.45	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Residential and Small Business Restaurant Customers With 3/4" Meter						
0 to 2,000 gal.		\$ 19.39	Base Fee			
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 6.70	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 8.82	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for All Other Customers Within the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 31.12	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 311.46	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 40.02	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 466.61	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 64.39	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 644.35	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 244.43	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 835.28	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 14.54	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 19.16	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Customers Outside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 46.68	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 466.51	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 60.00	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 699.76	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 96.64	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 966.32	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 377.08	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,234.50	Base Fee
2,001 gal. and over		\$ 21.78	Per 1,000 gal.			
Water Fees for Water-Only Service Inside the Corporate Limits of the City						
0 to 2,000 gal.	1" meter	\$ 44.42	Base Fee	4" meter	\$ 444.23	Base Fee
	1 ½" meter	\$ 57.13	Base Fee	6" meter	\$ 666.32	Base Fee
	2" meter	\$ 92.58	Base Fee	8" meter	\$ 920.15	Base Fee
	3" meter	\$ 349.04	Base Fee	10" meter	\$ 1,174.63	Base Fee
2,001 to 12,000 gal.		\$ 15.32	Per 1,000 gal.			
12,001 gal. and over		\$ 20.22	Per 1,000 gal.			

City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule – OPTION “E”		
Sewer and Water Department		
Description	Fee	
SEWER SERVICES		
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES & MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES		
0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$15.43	BASE FEE
2,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$5.32	PER 1,000 GAL
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OFFICES & OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$21.55	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$27.70	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$44.64	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$169.28	BASE FEE
4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$215.43	BASE FEE
6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$323.17	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$446.26	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$573.59	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$11.62	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$16.72	PER 1,000 GAL
WATER SERVICES		
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES & MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES		
0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$19.39	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$6.70	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$8.82	PER 1,000 GAL
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OFFICES & OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$29.82	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$38.35	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$61.71	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$234.24	BASE FEE
4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$298.48	BASE FEE
6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$447.17	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$617.50	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$800.48	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$13.94	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$18.37	PER 1,000 GAL
CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$44.74	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$57.50	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$92.61	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$361.36	BASE FEE
4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$447.07	BASE FEE

6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$670.60	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$926.06	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$1,183.06	BASE FEE
2,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$20.87	PER 1,000 GAL
WATER-ONLY SERVICE INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$42.57	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$54.75	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$88.72	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$334.50	BASE FEE
4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$425.72	BASE FEE
6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$638.56	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$881.81	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$1,125.69	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$14.69	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$19.38	PER 1,000 GAL

City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule – OPTION “F”		
Sewer and Water Department		
Description	Fee	
SEWER SERVICES		
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES & MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES		
0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$15.43	BASE FEE
2,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$5.32	PER 1,000 GAL
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OFFICES & OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$22.49	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$28.91	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$46.58	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$176.64	BASE FEE
4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$224.80	BASE FEE
6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$337.22	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$465.66	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$598.52	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$12.12	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$17.45	PER 1,000 GAL
WATER SERVICES		
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES & MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES		
0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$19.39	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$6.70	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$8.82	PER 1,000 GAL
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OFFICES & OTHER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$31.12	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$40.02	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$64.39	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$244.43	BASE FEE
4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$311.46	BASE FEE
6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$466.61	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$644.35	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$835.28	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$14.54	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$19.16	PER 1,000 GAL
CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$46.68	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$60.00	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$96.64	BASE FEE
3" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$377.08	BASE FEE

4" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$466.51	BASE FEE
6" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$699.76	BASE FEE
8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$966.32	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$1,234.50	BASE FEE
2,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$21.78	PER 1,000 GAL
WATER-ONLY SERVICE INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY		
1" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$44.42	BASE FEE
1-1/2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$57.13	BASE FEE
2" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$92.58	BASE FEE
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8" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$920.15	BASE FEE
10" METER 0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$1,174.63	BASE FEE
2,001 TO 12,000 GALLONS	\$15.32	PER 1,000 GAL
12,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$20.22	PER 1,000 GAL

City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule – OPTION “G”

Sewer and Water Department

Description

Fee

SEWER SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS WITH 3/4" METER

0 TO 2,000 GALLONS	\$15.43	BASE FEE
2,001 GALLONS AND OVER	\$5.32	PER 1,000 GAL

SEWER FOR ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY

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WATER SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS WITH 3/4" METER

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City of Freeport Master Fee Schedule – OPTION “H”

Sewer and Water Department

Description

Fee

SEWER SERVICES

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2946

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR ASSESSING RATES AND FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS, USE OF CITY PROPERTY, AND PURCHASE CERTAIN GOODS PROVIDED BY THE CITY; SPECIFICALLY SETTING FEES FOR SEWER TAPS, WATER RATES AND SEWER RATES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAINTAIN THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AND RECOMMEND ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR A FINDING OF PROPER MEETING AND NOTICE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Freeport, Texas (“City”) seeks to provide for reasonable fees and charges for services provided by City departments use of City property, and purchase of certain goods provided by the City in order to recoup the cost of conducting municipal business on the public’s behalf without unduly relying on taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Texas (“Code”) contains rates and fees throughout the Code and desires to consolidate all City rates and fees to provide a single and convenient location for a list of all rates and fees charged by the City through a Master Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance the City Council of the City authorized the establishment and maintenance of a Master Fee Schedule; a

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the public welfare would be best served by maintaining and amending sewer tap fees in the Master Fee Schedule;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. FEES. Pursuant to the provisions of its Code of Ordinances, the City Council of the City hereby amends the Master Fee Schedule with the rates and fees hereto as Exhibit “A”.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on the date of passage and upon execution by the mayor and city secretary as set forth below.

SECTION 3. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was attended by a quorum of the City Council, was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Read, passed and adopted the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Clarisa Fernandez, City Secretary
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED:

Jerry Cain, Mayor
City of Freeport, Texas

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY

Christopher Duncan, Interim City Attorney
City of Freeport, Texas