

Stratford Fee Schedule

Ordinance No. 2026-0922(b)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF STRATFORD, CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION, DELETION, AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR BY THE CITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF THE FEE SCHEDULE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stratford desires to amend the Fee Schedule as contained in Appendix A, Fee Schedule in the City of Stratford Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved on August 25, 2026 a separate budget ordinance for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 which requires an adjustment to fees and charges to support the revenue requirements of said Budget.

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

That, Appendix A, Fee Schedule, in the City of Stratford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. ANNEXATION

Administrative Fee:.....\$200.00

SECTION 2. ANIMALS (per animal)

Special Permit fee for keeping more than four dogs and/or cats\$25.00

Fee for impounded animal without a rabies tag.....\$25.00

Impound fee: First Impound (within a 12-month period).....\$25.00

Second Impound (within a 12-month period)	\$50.00
Third Impound (within a 12-month period).....	\$75.00

Each additional time animal is impounded in a 12-month period, fee will increase by \$25.00

Daily Shelter Fee: per animal/per day	\$10.00
Euthanasia Fee: per animal	\$40.00
Surrender Fee: per animal.....	\$50.00

Livestock Permit	\$50.00
Annual Renewal.....	\$15.00

- 1 acre and below are allowed up to 10 animals only
- More than (1) acre, below 2.5 acres are allowed up to 20 animals
- More than 2.5 acres are allowed for up to 25 animals
- No more than 25 animals will be allowed on any size of property within city limits
- **“Fee will be waived for “show animals – i.e. 4-H”**

SECTION 3. BUILDING S AND STRUCTURES

Inspection fee	\$25.00
Building permit fees (residential dwelling)	\$50.00
Plus \$0.03 per sq. ft.	
Building permit fees (commercial)	\$100.00
Plus \$0.05 per sq. ft.	
Construction of other structures, including slab and unattached	\$25.00
Moving of existing structures to a different location.....	\$25.00
Roofing permit.....	\$25.00
Sign permit.....	\$25.00
Installation of storage tanks (up to 500 gallons for flammable liquids and gases)....	\$25.00
Plus \$0.05 per gallon after 500 gallons.	
Curb cut fee.....	\$50.00

All construction permits that include demolition or will generate significant disposal debris will require a roll-off to be set at the jobsite. Roll-off can be independently contracted.

Permit fees for residential dwellings will be charged for any structure which will be attached to the house.

Permit fees for commercial structures will be charged for any structure, whether it is attached to the main commercial structure or not.

Construction of other structures includes, but is not limited to items such as unattached carports, sheds, and storage buildings.

SECTION 4. ELECTRICAL

Reserved

SECTION 5. FENCES

Installation of a Fence\$25.00

SECTION 6. LICENSES AND BUSINESSES

Transient retail business permit (peddlers permit)
30 days or less\$25.00
31 days or more\$75.00

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, VENDORS FEE: the following charges will be made by the City of Stratford for each principal business and every individual sales representative.

Principal Business: 30-day license.....\$50.00
Individual Sales Rep: 30-day license\$40.00
Principal Business: 1-year license\$150.00
Individual Sales Rep: 1-year license.....\$120.00

SECTION 7. PLUMBING

Plumbing Permit\$20.00
Sprinkler System (with backflow inspection).....\$50.00

SECTION 8. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Digging fee for cutting into asphalt or concrete (per sq. ft. Minimum \$100).....\$3.50
Digging fee for dirt or gravel street (per sq. ft. Minimum \$50).....\$2.00

Sidewalk permit	\$15.00
Driveway permit	\$25.00

SECTION 9. ZONING

Zoning change application fee	\$150.00
Zoning variance application fee.....	\$100.00
Mobile Home Site Permit Fee (state laws apply)	\$50.00
Thoroughfare or alley abandonment.....	\$100.00
Easement release	\$100.00

SECTION 10. WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE RATES

Water Service

Tapping Fee	\$300.00
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⁵ / ₈ inch or ³ / ₄ inch meter with backflow device (plus tapping fee if applicable)	\$600.00
1-inch meter with backflow device (plus tapping fee if applicable).....	\$750.00
2-inch meter with backflow device (plus tapping fee if applicable).....	\$2200.00

Installing meters could incur a digging fee (see streets & sidewalks: Section 8)

Reconnect fee during normal business hours (8 am-5 pm) Monday-Friday	\$40.00
Reconnect fee after normal business hours.....	\$60.00

Monthly base water rate.....	\$24.00
(residential and non-residential)	

Outside City limits monthly base water rate.....	\$27.60
(residential and non-residential)	

The per 1,000-gallon charge for residential and non-residential water consumption for accounts located inside the City Limits will be tiered as follows:

0,001 through 9,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons)	\$3.50
10,000 through 19,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$3.70
20,000 through 29,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$3.90
30,000 through 39,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.10

40,000 through 49,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.30
50,000 gallons and over (per each 1,000 gallons)	\$4.50

The per 1,000-gallon charge for residential and non-residential water consumption for accounts located outside the City Limits will be tiered as follows

0,001 through 9,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.03
10,000 through 19,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.26
20,000 through 29,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.49
30,000 through 39,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.72
40,000 through 49,999 gallons (per each 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.95
50,000 gallons and over (per each 1,000 gallons)	\$5.18

The rate and charges for water service delivered into water tank trucks or water wagons in the City of Stratford, Texas is \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons with no minimum charge. A \$250.00 deposit will be required for the setup of the hydrant meter and wrench.

The rate for water at the coin-operated facility (the old water tower) is \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Service

Monthly base sewer rate\$34.00
(residential and non-residential)

Outside City Limits Monthly base sewer rate.....\$39.10
(residential and non-residential)

Non-residential customers are charged an additional monthly sewer rate of \$2.50 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumption.

Outside City Limits non-residential customers are charged an additional monthly sewer rate of \$2.88 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumption.

Trash Service

Residential garbage (once per week)	\$26.75
Commercial garbage (once per week per dumpster)	\$53.50
Commercial garbage (twice per week per dumpster)	\$107.00

Commercial garbage (three times per week per dumpster)	\$160.50
Additional commercial pickups (each)	\$26.75
Utility surcharge fee for all customers with water and/or sewer services	\$10.00

SECTION 11. RECYCLE CENTER

Fees for disposing of items at Recycle Center:

Small Pickup Bed (Light/Heavy).....	\$15/\$30
Full Size Pickup Bed (Light/ Heavy).....	\$25/\$55
8' Trailer (Light/Heavy)	\$35/\$60
10' – 14' Trailer (Light/Heavy)	\$65/\$110
12' Dump Trailer (Light/Heavy)	\$80/\$140
16' or Longer Trailer (Light/Heavy).....	\$75/\$140
16' Dump Trailer (Light/Heavy)	\$140/\$280

Individual Items:

Mattress (Small/Larger)	\$15/\$25
Furniture (Small/Large)	\$15/\$25
Appliances (Small/Large)	\$10/\$30

Items accepted for disposal at the Recycle Center for recycling:

Paper	Cardboard	Oil
Yard waste	Tree limbs	Misc. Metal
Aluminum Cans		

Appliances: you must remove the compressor for refrigerators and freezers

Items **NOT** accepted for disposal at the Recycle Center:

Tires	Concrete	Paint
Roofing Shingles	Bricks	Cinder Blocks
Antifreeze	Hazardous Materials	Car Batteries
Oil Filters	Chemicals	Freon

Pressurized Tanks

SECTION 12. CEMETERY PERMITS AND RATES

Permit for any and all work performed at Stratford Memorial Cemetery	\$10.00
Purchase of space (per each)	\$300.00
Interment (open/close) of grave during normal business hours	\$275.00
Interment (open/close) of grave after normal business hours or holidays	\$375.00
Interment of cremated remains	\$50.00
Interment of cremated remains after normal business hours or holidays	\$75.00

SECTION 13. MISCELLANIOUS FEES

Returned check fee	\$30.00
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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, on this the 22nd day of September 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex Gov't Code, §551.001, et.seq. at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Joe Zak, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Kathy Rendon, City Secretary