

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-11 (6)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKDALE, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE FEE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE A1.000 BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FEES, BY AMENDING THE LANGUAGE FOR SECTION A1.001 BUILDING PERMITS; AMENDING AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") has adopted a fee schedule that sets forth all fees of the City in one location, in Appendix A of the City's Code of Ordinances, for the convenience of citizens and employees; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Appendix A to keep fees current with today's demands;

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

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The findings and recitations set out hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. Amending Appendix A entitled "Fee Schedule". Appendix A, entitled "Fee Schedule," Article A1.000 Building, Development and Property Maintenance Fees, of the Rockdale Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to change the following line items from Section A1.001 entitled "Building Permits (IBC)," which shall read as follows:

Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, and sections of the City Code of Ordinances, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; provided, however, that all other provisions of said ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the city, the terms and provision of this ordinance shall govern.

Section 4. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and publication as required by the City Charter and the Texas Local Government Code.

Section 6. Open Meeting Act. It is officially found and determine that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on this the 14th day of July 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading on this the 11th day of August 2025.

ATTEST

THE CITY OF ROCKDALE



Shanna Johnson
City Secretary



Ward Roddam, Mayor

ARTICLE A1.000 BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FEES		
Sec. A1.001 BUILDING PERMITS (IBC)		
(a) Annual Contractors License	\$	75.00
(b) Residential Construction		
(1) New Residential		
New Residential Construction Plan Review and Inclusive Inspections (fees are inclusive of 3 plan reviews and all required inspections and reinspections)		
(i) 0 - 1500 sq ft	\$	854.87
(ii) 1,500 - 10,000 sq ft	\$	854.87 + 0.35/sq ft
(iii) > 10,000 sq ft	\$	4095.85 + 0.15/sq ft
(2) Residential Additions		
(i) Plan Review	\$	0.15/sq ft or a minium of \$75 whichever is greater
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	1.00/sq ft (each trade is 0.25/sq ft) + \$100 per inspection
(3) Residential Accessory Structure		
(i) Plan Review	\$	0.15/sq ft or a minium of \$75 whichever is greater
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	1.00/sq ft (each trade is 0.25/sq ft) + \$100 per inspection
(4) Residential Remodel		
(i) Plan Review	\$	75.00
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	1.00/sq ft (each trade is 0.25/sq ft) + \$100 per inspection
Each re-inspection required will be charged an inspection fee of \$100.00		
(c) Commercial and Multi-family Construction		
(1) Commercial and Multi-family construction plan review (fees based off valuation)		
(i) 1 - 10,000	\$	60.50
(ii) 10,001 - 25,000	\$	84.59 + 5.90 each additional 1,000 valuation over 10,000
(iii) 25,001 - 50,000	\$	182.79 + 4.29 each additional 1,000 valuation over 25,000
(iv) 50,001 - 100,000	\$	300.79 + 4.29 each additional 1,000 valuation over 50,000
(v) 50,001 - 100,000	\$	464.49 + 2.38 each additional 1,000 valuation over 100,000
(vi) 500,001 - 1,000,000	\$	1,513.67 + 2.02 each additional 1,000 valuation over 500,000
(vii) > 1,000,000	\$	2,621.72 + 1.34 each additional 1,000 valuation over 1,000,000
(2) Commercial and Multi-family construction inspections (fees based off valuation)		
(i) 1 - 10,000	\$	83.77
(ii) 10,001 - 25,000	\$	118.44 + 8.32 each additioanl 1,000 valuation
(iii) 25,001 - 50,000	\$	255.65 + 6.00 each additional 1,000 valuation
(iv) 50,001 - 100,000	\$	420.63 + 4.16 each additional 1,000 valuation
(v) 100,001 - 500,000	\$	590.29 + 3.32 each additional 1,000 valuation
(vi) 500,001 - 1,000,000	\$	2,112.94 + 2.83 each additional 1,000 valuation
(vii) > 1,000,000	\$	3,664.76 + 1.87 each additional 1,000 valuation
(3) Commercial and Multi-family fire plan review (fees based on valuation)		
(i) 1 - 6,250	\$	200.00
(ii) 6,251 - 250,000	\$	330.00
(iii) 250,001 - 500,000	\$	467.50
(iv) 500,001 - 1,000,000	\$	605.00
(v) 1,000,000 - 3,000,000	\$	880.00
(vi) 3,000,001 - 6,000,000	\$	1,320.00
(vii) > 6,000,000	\$	1,320.00 + 0.38 for each additional 1,000 caluation over 6,000,000
(4) Commercial and Multi-family fire inspection (fees based on valuation)		
(i) 1 - 6,250	\$	330.00
(ii) 6,251 - 250,000	\$	467.50
(iii) 250,001 - 500,000	\$	577.50
(iv) 500,001 - 1,000,000	\$	742.50
(v) 1,000,000 - 3,000,000	\$	1,045.00
(vi) 3,000,001 - 6,000,000	\$	1,567.50
(vii) > 6,000,000	\$	1,567.50 + 0.38 for each additional 1,000 caluation over 6,000,000
(5) New Commercial and Commercial Additions		
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	1.00/sq ft (each trade is 0.25/sq ft) + inspection fee
(6) New Commercial - Shell Building		
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	0.80/sq ft (each trade is 0.20/sq ft) + inspection fee
(7) Commercial Remodel		
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	1.00/sq ft (each trade is 0.25/sq ft) + inspection fee
(5) Commercial Accessory Structure		
(ii) Permit Fee	\$	0.60/sq ft + inspection fee
Each re-inspection required will be charged an inspection fee of \$100.00		
(d) Miscellaneous Fire related items		
(1) Underground fire code plan review, fuel storage tank plan review	\$	99.00 hourly rate

(2) Underground fire inspection, fire extinguisher inspection, fire certificate of occupancy inspection, fuel storage tank inspection annual fire safety inspection		\$ 132.00 hourly rate
(e) Sign Permits		
(1) New sign or Sign Re-Facing		\$ 75.00
(2) Freestanding signs over 8ft tall		\$ 180.00
(3) Internally illuminated signs		\$ 180.00
Each re-inspection required will be charged an inspection fee of \$100.00		
(f) Miscellaneous Permits		
(1) uncovered Surfaced (asphalt & concrete) Parking & Walkways		\$ 0.01 /sq ft
(2) Site Development Permit		\$ 1.75% of infrastructure cost
(3) Driveway Permit		\$ 100.00
(4) Moving permit - structures & manufactured homes		\$ 100.00 + escort fee
(5) Foundation Level		\$ 40.00 + \$100 inspection fee
(6) Minor alteration, repair, or replacement (carport, windows)		\$ 100.00 (permit & inspection)
(7) Swimming Pool/Hot Tub Permit		\$ 100.00 + \$75.00 plan review
(8) Roof		\$ 125.00
(9) Demolition permit - Commercial		\$ 100.00
(10) Demolition permit - Residential		\$ 50.00
(11) Fence		\$ 75.00
(12) Porch, Patio, or Deck		\$ 40.00 + \$100 inspection fee
(13) Certificate of Occupancy		\$ 100.00
(14) Permit fee for Non-Profit groups/organizations		No Charge with proof of non-profit status
The permit fee includes initial inspections. Each re-inspection required will be charged an inspection fee of \$100.00		
Work without the necessary permit		Double the permit fee