



ORDINANCE NO. 3896

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING THE FARMERS BRANCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A “FEE SCHEDULE,” RELATING TO VARIOUS FEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 18, 26, 56, AND 66 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, finds it to be in the public interest to amend the City of Farmers Branch Code of Ordinances, Appendix A “Fee Schedule” and/or related sections of the Code of Ordinances in order to better reflect the cost of certain services provided by the City of Farmers Branch.

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

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Appendix A “Fee Schedule” shall be amended as follows:

- A.** The table of fees in Appendix A, “Fee Schedule,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, relating to fees to be charged as authorized by Chapter 18 “Animals” is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 18. Animals	
18-45	Owner Surrender Fee, per animal	\$30.00
18-70	Redemption fee for impounded animal: 1 st offense	\$20.00
18-70	Redemption fee for impounded animals: 2 nd offense	\$40.00
18-70	Redemption fee for impounded animals: 3 rd offense	\$60.00
18-70	Rabies vaccination fee	\$5.00
18-70	RTO sterilization surgical fee	\$50.00
18-70/18-160	Care and handling charges, per day in shelter	\$10.00
18-70/18-159	Microchipping Fee	\$15.00
18-159	Animal adoption fee	\$100.00 (under 6 months old); \$85.00 (over 6 months old)
18-260(i)	Annual permit for keeping dangerous animal	\$100.00
18-260(v)	Appeal Bond for caring for dangerous animal until disposition	\$300.00
18-300	Backyard chicken permit (including education program)	\$50.0
18-329(a)	Shelter quarantine fee	\$100.00
18-329(c)	Home quarantine fee	\$50.00

- B.** The table of fees in Appendix A, “Fee Schedule,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, relating to Chapter 26 “Businesses” is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 26. Businesses	
	<i>Article II. Newsracks</i>	
26-35(a)(1)	Fee to install, place or maintain newsrack on street, right-of-way, per year, per newsrack	\$0.00
	<i>Article III. Single-Family Rental Housing</i>	
26-74	License fee including reinstatement of license renewal	\$120.00
	<i>Article IV. Apartment Complex Rental</i>	
26-114	License fee including reinstatement license renewal, each dwelling unit	\$10.00
26-117(c)	Fee per violation in a dwelling unit within an apartment complex	\$25.00
	Fee per violation outside a dwelling unit within an apartment complex	\$25.00
	Fee per inaccessible dwelling unit	\$25.00
	<i>Article V. Food Service Establishments</i>	
26-154	Review of food establishment plans and preoperational inspection	\$150.00
	Permit to operate a food service establishment (determined based on food classification and type of operation):	
	Heavy food preparation	\$450.00
	Light food preparation (add \$350 for each additional permit in the same bldg.. example grocery departments)	\$350.00 (plus \$350 for each add'l permit in same building; e.g. multiple grocery depts.)
	Pre-packaged or no food preparation	\$200.00
	Daycare centers	\$200.00
	Seasonal food establishment	\$200.00
	Temporary food establishment	\$150.00
	Issuance of printed permit	\$10.00
	Permit renewal late fee	\$50.00
	Reinspection fee	\$100.00
	Reinspection beyond 2 nd reinspection Fee	\$150.00
	Cancellation fee	\$50.00
	After work-hour inspection fee	\$200.00
	<i>Article VIII. Short-Term Rental Housing</i>	
26-503	License fee	\$120.00

- C. The table of fees in Appendix A, “Fee Schedule,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, relating to fees authorized by Chapter 56 “Property Maintenance” is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 56. Property Maintenance	
	<i>Article III. Enforcement</i>	
56-35	Filing fee for appeals of enforcement authority determinations	\$200.00
56-38	Administrative fee for violations abatement	\$135.00
	<i>Article IX. – Abandoned, Junked and Inoperable Vehicles</i>	
56-97	Fee for notification by garagekeeper to police department of abandoned vehicle	\$5.00
	<i>Article XII. Vacant Buildings</i>	
56-203	Annual registration and inspection fee for the first year	\$200.00
	Annual registration and inspection fee for a building that is vacant for 2 years	\$400.00

	Annual registration and inspection fee for a building that is vacant for 3 years	\$600.00
	Annual registration and inspection fee for a building that is vacant for 4 or more years	\$1,000.00
56-205	Additional fee for registrations over 60 days past the noted due date	50% of annual fee
	<i>Article XV. On-Demand Storage Containers</i>	
56-452	Permit Fee for On-Demand Storage Containers	
	Single-Family and Duplex	\$30.00
	Multi-Family	\$30.00
	All other property types	\$100.00

- D.** The table of fees in Appendix A, “Fee Schedule,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, relating to Chapter 66 “Solid Waste” is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 66. Solid Waste	
66-43	Single family residence	\$5.00/month
	Single family residence occupied by a customer who provides documentation to the city establishing that the customer or customer’s spouse is 65 years of age or older, or those who collect Social Security Disability	\$2.50/month

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and Charter so provide.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ON THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitt Wyatt, City Attorney
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