



ORDINANCE NO. 3942

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE “APPENDIX A - FEE SCHEDULE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO FEES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 14 “AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT”; CHAPTER 22 “BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”; CHAPTER 26 “BUSINESSES”; CHAPTER 30 “EMERGENCY SERVICES”; CHAPTER 38 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION”; CHAPTER 56, “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”; AND CHAPTER 86, “UTILITIES”; PROVIDING A REPEALING AND SAVING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the International Code Council (ICC) has developed a comprehensive set of standards which the City of Farmers Branch has incorporated as applicable when amending sections of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, City staff has conducted a thorough review of the existing fees provided by the Code of Ordinances in light of the updated ICC provisions and standards; and

WHEREAS, City departments have identified necessary amendments and changes to existing fees, and the removal of redundant or unnecessary fees and erroneous language; and

WHEREAS, City staff has prepared amendments to the “Appendix A -Fee Schedule” of the Code of Ordinances that are intended to more accurately reflect the actual cost of services provided by the City and to reestablish a structured schedule of fees and charges associated with the use and rental of City facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that these amendments are necessary and in the best interest of the public.

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, Texas, “Appendix A - Fee Schedule” shall be amended by incorporating the following changes:

- A.** The section of Appendix A relating to the fees for Amusements and Entertainments under Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to include the following new fee:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 14. Amusements and Entertainments	

14-203	Special Event Permit Fee	\$50.00
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- B. The section of Appendix A relating to Buildings and Building Regulations under Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to include the following new fee:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 22. Buildings and Building Regulations	
22-87	Work without permits	Double the permit fee with a minimum of \$500.00

- C. The section of Appendix A relating to Buildings and Building Regulations under Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to remove the annual registration and inspection fees associated with “Section 22-708” of the Code of Ordinances.
- D. The section of Appendix A relating to short-term rentals license fee authorized under Section 26-503 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to increase the fee as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 26. Businesses	
26-503	License fee	\$250.00

- E. The section of Appendix A relating to the fees for Emergency Medical Services authorized under Section 30-33 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to increase the fees as follows:

Section of this Code	Description	Amount	
30-33	Fee per ambulance trip	Resident	Non-Resident
	Basic Life Support	\$725	\$1,400
	Advanced Life Support, Level 1	\$750	\$1,600
	Advanced Life Support, Level 2	\$825	\$1,750
	Mileage charge for transport from nearest City limit to any hospital outside of the City. One (1) mile charge for transport to any hospital within the City.	\$24	\$24
	Basic Life Support Supplies	\$200	\$200
	Advanced Life Support Supplies, Level 1 & 2	\$300	\$300
	Oxygen, Any Level	\$150	\$150

- F. The section of Appendix A relating to Fire Prevention and Protection under Chapter 38, local amendments to the International Fire Code under Section 38-38, is amended by

adding the following fees relating to annual fire inspections of property within the City:

Chapter 38 – Fire Prevention and Protection		
Section of this Code	Annual Fire Inspection Fee Schedule	Amount
38-38	Group A Places of Worship	
	0-10,000 square feet	\$50.00
	Greater than 10,000 square feet	\$100.00
	Group R2	
	Group R2 Complex One (1) and Two (2) stories	\$100.00
	Group R2 Complex Three (3) or more stories	\$250.00
	All Other Occupancy Types Except Group A – Places of Worship, Group R2, Group U, Group Homes, and Foster Homes	
	0-5000 square feet	\$50.00
	5001-10,000 square feet	\$100.00
	10,001-25,000 square feet	\$150.00
	25,001-50,000 square feet	\$200.00
	50,001-100,000 square feet	\$250.00
	100,001-200,000 square feet	\$300.00
	Greater than 200,000 square feet	\$500.00
	Re-inspection beyond the second re-inspection	\$100.00
	Public Schools, Municipal, County, State, and Federal Government facilities, Group U Occupancy, Group Homes, and Foster Homes	EXEMPT

- G. The section of Appendix A relating to Fire Prevention and Protection under Chapter 38, Section 38-38, is amended by removing the following fees relating to inspection fee purpose per occupancy type of property within the City:

Section of this Code	Inspection Fee Purpose (Per Occupancy Type)	Amount
<u>38-38</u> (cont.)	<i>Group A Occupancy (Assembly)</i>	

Section of this Code	Inspection Fee Purpose (Per Occupancy Type)	Amount
	Place of Worship	\$50.00
	All others	\$100.00
	<i>Group B Occupancy (Business)</i>	
	Less than four (4) floors	\$50.00
	Four (4) floors or more	\$100.00
	High Rise less than ten (10) floors	\$250.00
	High Rise ten (10) floors or more	\$500.00
	Municipal, County, State and Federal Government facilities	EXEMPT
	<i>Group E Occupancy (Private Educational)</i>	
	Less than four (4) floors	\$50.00
	Four (4) floors or more	\$100.00
	Public School District facilities	EXEMPT
	<i>Group F Occupancy (Factory/Industrial)</i>	
	Less than 20,000 square feet	\$100.00
	20,000 square feet or greater	\$200.00
	Municipal, County, State and Federal Government facilities	EXEMPT
	<i>Group H Occupancy (Hazardous)</i>	
	Hazardous	\$250.00
	<i>Group I Occupancy (Institutional)</i>	

Section of this Code	Inspection Fee Purpose (Per Occupancy Type)	Amount
	Institutional	\$100.00
	Municipal, County, State and Federal Government facilities	EXEMPT
	<i>Group M Occupancy (Mercantile)</i>	
	Less than 20,000 square feet	\$50.00
	20,000 square feet or greater	\$150.00
	<i>Group R1 Occupancy (Residential Hotel/Motels)</i>	
	Less than four (4) floors	\$100.00
	Four (4) floors or more	\$150.00
	High Rises	\$250.00
	<i>Group R2 Occupancy (Residential Apartments)</i>	
	One (1) and two (2) stories (entire complex)	\$100.00
	Three (3) or more stories (entire complex)	\$150.00
	<i>Group S Occupancy (Storage)</i>	
	Less than 20,000 square feet	\$100.00
	20,000 square feet or greater	\$200.00
	Municipal, County, State and Federal Government facilities	EXEMPT
	<i>Group U Occupancy, Group Homes, and Foster Homes</i>	
	Group Homes and Foster Homes	EXEMPT

H. The section of Appendix A relating to user fees for parks and recreation services under

Section 50-41 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to remove an errant “additional” in the text.

- I. The section of Appendix A relating to Property Maintenance under Chapter 56, Section 56-203 regarding the fee related to the registration and inspection of vacant buildings within the City, is amended by revising the fees for registrations and inspections as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	Chapter 56. Property Maintenance	
	<i>Article XII. Vacant Buildings</i>	
56-203	Annual Registration and initial inspection fee	\$500.00
	Quarterly inspection fee	\$500.00

- J. The section of Appendix A relating to Utilities under Chapter 86 is amended by adding the fee related to the fat, oil, and grease, permits and inspections under Section 86-614 as follows:

Section this Code	Description	Amount
	<i>Article VIII. Fats, Oil, and Grease</i>	
86-614		
	Permit Fee	\$50.00
	Grease Trap Inspection	\$350.00
	Grease Trap Reinspection	\$200.00
	Grit Trap Inspection	\$300.00

- K. The section of Appendix A relating to Zoning under Chapter 94 is amended by inserting a new subsection (d), providing a fee for a Zoning Verification Letter, with an amount of \$30.00, and relettering the existing subsections appropriately.

SECTION 2. That all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Farmers Branch not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. 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 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on **October 1, 2025**. Following the passage of this Ordinance, the publication of the caption hereof as the law and charter in such case provides.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS
BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Erin Flores, City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicole Corr, City Attorney
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