

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, TO REMOVE CERTAIN CODIFIED FEE AMOUNTS AND PROVIDE THAT SUCH FEES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, OPEN MEETINGS, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, certain fee amounts related to building permits, plan review, inspections, and cross-connection control administration are currently codified in Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that removing specific fee amounts from Chapter 22 and placing those fees in the City's Building Department Fee Schedule will promote consistency, efficiency, and transparency in the administration of City fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that future adjustments to such fees should be made through adoption or amendment of the applicable fee schedule by City Council resolution, rather than by repeated amendments to the Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble of this Ordinance are true and correct and are incorporated by reference as if set forth in full herein.

Section 2. Chapter 22, Section 22-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-7. Permit fees.

Before any permit shall be issued under the provisions of this chapter, the applicant shall pay the plan review fee, permit fees, and inspection fees in an amount as established by the City's Building Department Fee Schedule. The building permit fee for City facilities may be waived with the approval of the building official. A review fee shall be assessed for each plan revision in an amount established by the current fee schedule.

Section 3. Chapter 22, Section 22-280(d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City,

Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) Cross-connection control fees.

(1) Backflow prevention assembly registration fee. A one-time nonrefundable registration fee, as established by the current fee schedule, shall be required for each non-residential backflow prevention assembly device, per each separate device, and shall be billed through the water bill.

(2) Certified backflow prevention assembly tester registration fee. An annual registration fee, as established by the current fee schedule, shall be required for TCEQ approved testers to show proof of their current TCEQ license and testing equipment in accordance with current TCEQ regulations. Registrations are valid from January 1 to December 31. No proration of fees will be applied.

Section 4. Chapter 22, Section 22-280(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) Enforcement. City water service to any premises may be discontinued and assessed a processing fee, as established by the current fee schedule, in accordance with the regulations for discontinuance of service to a City customer if a backflow prevention assembly is not installed, tested, or maintained as required by these regulations, or if it is found that a backflow prevention assembly has been removed, bypassed, or if an unprotected cross-connection or other structural or health hazards, including violations of these regulations, exist.

Section 5. Savings. All rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby

repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Codification. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City's official Code of Ordinances as provided hereinabove.

Section 9. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed 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, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 10. Publication and Effective Date. The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of League City, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2026.

NICK LONG
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHELLE L. VILLARREAL
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