

**CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, INCREASING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR FIVE YEARS PER THE 2025 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY; ESTABLISHING A SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas ("City") approved a resolution on January 27, 2025 adopting the five-year water and wastewater study prepared by NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Water and Wastewater Utility Fund is a self-sustaining enterprise fund that relies on user rates to pay for its operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's water and wastewater rates have not been increased since 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas has determined that it is prudent and necessary to implement the water and wastewater rate increases recommended in the rate study to operate an efficient and reliable utility system;

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

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREMISES.**

The foregoing recitals are the findings of the City Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

**SECTION 2. WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES.**

It is hereby ordained that the City of Decatur, Texas adopts the water and wastewater rates recommended by NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC in its 2025 five-year rate study attached as **Appendix A** which is referenced, incorporated, and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

**SECTION 3. SAVINGS AND REPEALER.**

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Decatur, Texas and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such ordinances, except in those instances where provisions of such ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance. Provided however, that any complaint, action, claim, or lawsuit which has been initiated or has arisen under or pursuant to any such ordinance on the date of adoption of this Ordinance, or lack thereof, shall continue to be governed by the state of any ordinances in existence at that time and for that state of the law established by the ordinance, or lack thereof, shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

That 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, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared void, ineffective, or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such voidness, ineffectiveness or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation herein of any such void, ineffective, or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2025, and it is so ordained.

**PRESENTED ON FIRST READING** on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.


**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Texas, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mike McQuiston, MAYOR



**ATTEST:**

  
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Asucena Delgado, CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Pamela H. Uston, CITY ATTORNEY