RESOLUTION #25-004

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") was created by the Legislature of the State of Texas in Acts 2001, 77th Leg., R.S., ch. 1321, p. 3246, § 1(a), as amended (the "Enabling Act"), as a groundwater conservation district operating under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code, and the Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, § 36.205(a) of the Texas Water Code authorizes a groundwater conservation district to set fees for administrative acts of the District;

WHEREAS, the General Manager reviewed current administrative fees and determined that such administrative fee schedule is in need of modification and has made necessary amendments for recommendation to the Board of Directors for acceptance and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The administrative fee schedule attached hereto is hereby amended and adopted as the administrative fee schedule of the District;

2. The administrative fee schedule so adopted shall be effective January 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted, and continue in effect until modified by the Board of Directors;

3. That administrative fee schedule so adopted shall supersede any and all such schedules previously adopted by Resolution or other action of the Board of Directors; and

4. The General Manager is further authorized to take any and all reasonable action necessary for the implementation of this resolution.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of November 2025.

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____
James Spigener, Board President

ATTEST:

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Janice Thigpen, Board Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE
LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Amended and Approved
November 11, 2025, (Effective 1/1/2026)

Application Fees:
*All fees are non-refundable

1. New Well Registration = $500
   The owner of any new well shall submit a $500 well registration fee per well. This includes registration of exempt wells, non-exempt wells, test wells, and replacement wells.

2. Application for Operating Permit (no Hydrogeologic Report required) = $500.00 per Operating Permit application
   All non-exempt wells must obtain a permit.

3. Application for Operating Permit (Hydrogeologic Report required) = $1500 per Operating Permit application.
   All non-exempt wells must obtain a permit.

4. Application to Amend Permit or Application to Replace Well – (no Hydrogeologic Report required) = $250.00 per application

5. Application to Amend Permit or Application to Replace Well – (Hydrogeologic Report required) = $500.00 per application

6. Application for Minor Permit Amendment (no Hydrogeologic Report required, no Board Approval required) = $150.00 per application

7. Application for Temporary Permit for Construction Projects and Drilling Supply= $250.00
   *Permit is granted by General Manager and limited to a maximum production authorization of 5 million gallons. A flat rate water use fee of $500.00 per permit and evidence of performance bond in the amount of $50,000.00 is required. Temporary Permit term not to exceed 1 year and subject to additional District Rules.

7. Application for Spacing Exception for an Exempt Well = $250
   For exempt wells seeking an exception to the well spacing requirements that does not require Notice and Hearing.

8. Application for Spacing Exception for an Exempt Well= $500
   For exempt wells seeking an exception to the well spacing requirements that does require Notice and Hearing.

9. Application for Spacing Exception for a Non-Exempt Well=$500
   For non-exempt wells seeking an exception to the well spacing requirements that does not require a hydrological report.

10. Application for Spacing Exception for a Non-Exempt Well=$1500
    For non-exempt wells seeking an exception to the well spacing requirements that does require a hydrological report.

11. Application for Emergency Approval to Drill = $1,500.00 per well included in Permit Application

12. Application for Test Well = $150.00 per well

13. Expedited Permit Application Fee: Request for "Special" Hearing on Permit Application (hearing at request of applicant in advance of regularly scheduled hearing date) = $3,750.00 per well included in Expedited Application.
    a. Application fee required in advance of scheduling "Special" Hearing.
    b. $1,200.00 non-refundable fee, should "Special" Hearing on Expedited Permit be cancelled prior to hearing and/or a mutually acceptable hearing date unavailable.
    c. Application must meet all Notice of Hearing requirements per Texas Water Code.
    d. In addition to applicable application fee(s) owed and due under an "Expedited Permit Application", applicant is responsible for all reasonable costs associated with holding "Special" Hearing on an Expedited Permit Application that requires a public hearing in advance of a regularly scheduled hearing of the District; including, but not limited to, any and all attorney, engineering, and technical costs that may be associated with the "Special" Hearing and notice of "Special" Hearing.

Miscellaneous Fees:

14. Transfer of Ownership:
    a. Exempt Registration = $50
    b. Non-Exempt Permit = $150

15. Returned check fee = $50.00 per check

16. Fee to cover cost(s) of Certified/Returned Receipt Mailing for non-compliance of District Rules = minimum $10.00

17. Meter Verification Re-inspection = $250.00 each site visit

18. Field Operations Technician Re-inspection (Pre or Post Drilling) = $250.00 each site visit

19. Early Conversion Credit Transfer Application = $500.00 for each transfer of Early Conversion Credits

20. Application to Utilize Early Conversion Credits = $150.00 per Application

21. Credit Card Processing Fee = 5% usage fee for payments other than check

22. Permit Audit Fee = $50.00 - $500.00

23. Staff Time = $50 per hour
    This fee is the hourly rate charged by the District as the cost for work performed by staff or employees of the District. This fee is assessed separately for each District staff member involved where the fee is designated or where the General Manager determines the fee to be applicable to accomplish a specific action or task or provide a specific service.

24. Public Information Act Requests = Charges shall be pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 552 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §70.3, as may be amended.