

From the City of River Oaks

River Oaks Clarifies New Animal Control Procedures

City officials said River Oaks recently entered into an agreement with the City of White Settlement to provide animal control support because its shelter facilities and staffing are better equipped to deliver reliable and humane care for animals taken into custody. The change aims to improve service quality while maintaining the same point of contact for residents.

The City of River Oaks is reminding residents that animal-related calls and requests for service should continue to be routed through the River Oaks Police Department dispatch line, despite the city's newly established partnership with White Settlement for animal control services.

Under the agreement, the White Settlement Animal Control team will patrol River Oaks daily. However, all service requests must still originate from River Oaks Police Department dispatch at 817-626-1991, which continues to operate 24 hours a day. Residents are asked not to contact the White Settlement Animal Shelter directly. To encourage continued dialogue, the City Council will discuss the partnership during its Dec. 16 meeting, where residents may voice concerns or ask questions.

In addition, the city plans to host a public informational or town hall meeting in January to further address community feedback. The date and details of that event will be announced once finalized. For now, residents with animal-related concerns should continue using the established procedure and contact River Oaks Police Department dispatch at 817-626-1991.

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Winter Water Usage Determines Yearlong Sewer Costs

The City of River Oaks is reminding residents that winter water use plays a key role in determining sewer charges for the entire year, as part of a standard billing method known as winter averaging.

Winter averaging is used to calculate the sewer portion of residential utility bills. The method relies on water usage from bills issued in the winter months, December through February, when consumption is typically at its lowest. That three-month average then becomes the basis for sewer billing for the next 12-month cycle.

City officials encouraged residents to monitor and reduce water use during the winter period to help lower costs for the coming year.

For example, a residential customer who uses 300 cubic feet of water in December, 200 cubic feet in January and 100 cubic feet in February would have a winter average of 200 cubic feet. Based on that usage, the customer's sewer bill would be \$54.45 per month for the full year.

The city advises residents to check their water consumption closely during winter months and make adjustments when possible to help manage future utility expenses.

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 1466-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.10.002, "UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CORPORATE SEAL OR OTHER INSIGNIA," OF ARTICLE 1.10 "CORPORATE SEAL" OF CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS TO REGULATE THE USE OF THE CITY LOGO AND OTHER INSIGNIA WITHIN THE CITY; ADOPTING THE CITY LOGO; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS:

PENALTY CLAUSE

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in accordance with Section 1.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances, City of River Oaks, Texas. Each such violation shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

All rights and remedies of the City of River Oaks are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code of Ordinance, City of River Oaks, as amended, or any other ordinances affecting the use of the City seal or other insignia which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

PUBLICATION CLAUSE

The City Secretary is directed to publish in the official newspaper of the city, the caption, savings clause, penalty clause, publication and Effective Date of this Ordinance one time as authorized by Chapter 5, Section 5.02(c) of the Charter of the City of River Oaks.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

Mayor Darren Houk

Attest: Paula Luck, City Secretary

The office of Suburban Newspapers, Inc. will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28. The office will reopen Monday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.