

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**  
**CITY OF WATFORD CITY**  
**UTILITY RATES RESOLUTION**  
**Adopted 12/01/2014**

City Ordinance 3-102 states the utility shall be operated such that it is self-supporting and self-perpetuating. It allows the utility to make a profit which can be used to contribute to the cost of any other City function as allowed under North Dakota Century Code Section 40-33. To date, it is the intent of the City Council to operate the utility on a self-supporting and self-perpetuating basis and not to make a profit for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 3-219 allows that water and sewer rates may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the City Council and the City reserves the right to change the rates from time to time as it deems best.

WHEREAS, Chapter 4, Section 4-307 allows for fees for collection of garbage and rubbish by the City and the disposal thereof shall be as determined by resolution by the City Council.

The Council's intent is to evaluate the rates yearly and adjust them to generate enough money to cover the yearly costs and replace one block of water and sewer main each year.

Currently, the City Council has invested large sums of money to generate income for the utilities. The income from the investments is intended to supplement the utilities to keep the rates reasonable and ensure there are funds available for replacement projects.

Items to be addressed each year when evaluating the rates are as follows:

- A. Normal operating cost
- B. Costs for main replacement
- C. Interest income on investments
- D. Whether or not the assumptions for self-perpetuating the system are adequate.

Effective January 1, 2015 the rates for utility services are to be adjusted as follows:

	<b><u>November 2014</u></b>	<b><u>January 2015</u></b>
<b><u>WATER</u></b>		
<b>Residential</b>		
Basic Service		
Base Rate	\$19.60	\$20.38
Unit Charge	\$3.92/1,000	\$4.20/1,000
Hook-up Fee (New Connection, no previous service to property)		
Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$550	\$550
2" Water Service Line	\$2,000	\$2,000

**Commercial**

## Basic Service

Base Rate	\$30.77	\$32.00
Unit Charge	\$3.92/1,000	\$4.20/1,000
Hook-up Fee (New Connection, no previous service to property)		
Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$550	\$550
2" Water Service Line	\$2,000	\$2,000
3" & 4" Water Service Lines	\$4,000	\$4,000
6" Water Service Line	\$6,000	\$6,000
8" Water Service Line	\$12,000	\$12,000

## Bulk Water

Unit Charge	\$35.00/1,000	\$35.00/1,000
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## Water Meter Rental

Deposit	\$2,000	\$2,000 cash
Base Rate	\$25.00	\$200
Unit Charge	\$35.00/1,000	\$35.00/1,000

**SEWER****Residential**

Min Monthly Fee	\$20.66	\$20.66
Unit Charge	\$2.15/1,000	\$2.24/1,000
Maximum (based on 10,000 gal/mo)	\$42.16	\$43.06

## Hook-up Fee (New Connection, no previous service to property)

Up to 1" Water Service Line	Refer to chart	Refer to chart
2" Water Service Line	Refer to chart	Refer to chart

**Commercial**

Min Monthly Fee	\$42.29	\$42.29
Unit Charge to 10,600	\$2.15/1,000	\$2.24/1,000
Over 10,600	\$2.73/1,000	\$2.84/1,000

## Hook-up Fee (New Connection, no previous service to property)

Up to 1" Water Service Line	Refer to chart	Refer to chart
2" & 3" Water Service Lines	Refer to chart	Refer to chart
4"-8" Water Service Line	Refer to chart	Refer to chart

**Sewer Access Fees**

<b><u>Type of Installation</u></b>	<b><u>Unit of Measure</u></b>	<b><u>Charge</u></b>
<b>Residential</b>		
Single Family	Unit	\$2,256.59
	In-home Apartment	\$1,805.27
Duplex	Unit	\$2,256.59
Townhome	Unit	\$2,256.59
Individually Metered Apartment/Condominium	Unit < 3 Bdrm Unit 3+ Bdrm	\$1,805.27 \$2,256.59
Mobile Home	Unit	\$2,256.59
<b>Commercial</b>		
Apartment/Condominium	Unit < 3 Bdrm Unit 3 + Bdrm	\$1,805.27 \$2,256.59
Bar	Seat	\$225.19
Bed & Breakfast	Room	\$1,125.97
Campground/RV Park	Space	\$1,805.27
Car Wash	Wash Bay	\$8,107.00
Church	Seat	\$45.04
Coin Laundromat	Washing Machine	\$4,503.89
Commercial Laundry	Washing Machine	\$7,206.22
Commercial-Retail	1000 sq. ft.	\$540.47
Convenience Store-Retail	1000 sq. ft.	\$540.47
Fast Food	Seat	\$360.31
Hospital	Bed	\$2,251.95
Hotel/Motel/Rooming House (with Restaurant)	Room	\$1,125.97
Hotel/Motel/Rooming House (no Restaurant)	Room	\$810.70
Mobile Home/Trailer Park	Space	\$2,256.59
Nursing Home	Bed	\$1,351.17
Office	1000 sq. ft.	\$1,125.97
Restaurant	Seat	\$315.27
Shopping Center	1000 sq. ft.	\$1,125.97
Theater	Seat	\$45.04
Warehouse	1000 sq. ft.	\$540.47
Light Industrial	Employee	\$225.19
Industrial Strength Discharger	Case By Case Basis	
Others Not Listed	Case By Case Basis	

**GARBAGE**

2015 Monthly Garbage Rates								
<b>Residential</b>		<b>Totes</b>						
Dumps/Week	1	2						
1	22.98	45.97						
<b>Commercial</b>		<b>96 Gallon Tote</b>		<b>Dumpsters</b>				
Dumps/Week	1	2	1.5	2	3	4	6	8
1	20.95	41.91	66.12	76.70	99.19	121.67	182.50	243.34
2	41.91	83.81	132.25	153.41	198.37	243.34	365.01	486.68
3	62.86	125.72	198.37	230.11	297.56	365.01	547.51	730.02
4	83.81	167.63	264.50	306.82	396.75	486.68	730.02	973.36
5	104.77	209.53	330.62	383.52	495.94	608.35	912.52	1,216.70
6			396.75	460.23	595.12	730.02	1,095.03	1,460.04
7			462.87	536.93	694.31	851.69	1,277.53	1,703.37
<b>Commercial Interim</b>		<b>Cans</b>						
Dumps/Week	1	2	3					
1	25.07							
2								
3								
4								
5	41.58	83.14	124.72					
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The above resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 1st day of December, 2014. Council member Voll moved to approve the Utility Rate Resolution showing a 4% increase in the water base rate and a 7% increase in the water unit charge for both residential and commercial customers. The residential & consumer sewer base rate increases by 0%, and unit rates for both increases by 4%. Garbage rates were increased by 5% across the board. Motion seconded by Council Member Sanford and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Gravos, Mulder, Bolken, Voll, Sanford, and Riely; nays: none. ENACTED by the City Council of Watford City, North Dakota, this 1st day of December, 2014.

CITY OF WATFORD CITY

ATTEST:

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Brent Sanford, Mayor

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Peni Peterson, City Auditor