

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

CITY OF WATFORD CITY

AMENDED UTILITY RATES RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2024-01 Adopted 12/04/2023

Resolution No. 2024-05 – Amended 02/05/2024

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 February 5, 2024, the rates for utility services are to be adjusted as follows:

MONTHLY UTILITY SERVICE RATES

<u>SERVICE TYPE</u>	<u>JANUARY 2023</u>	<u>JANUARY 2024</u>
RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE		
Basic Service:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$24.51	\$24.76
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.57	\$5.63
Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$8.25	\$8.33
Non-Annexed:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$31.86	\$24.76
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.24	\$5.63
Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.73	\$8.33
New Access Fee (No Previous Service to Property)		
Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$550.00	\$550.00
2" Water Service Line	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
3" Water Service Line	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICE		
Basic Service:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$40.33	\$40.73
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.57	\$5.63
Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$9.01	\$9.10
Non-Annexed:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$40.33	\$40.73
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$7.24	\$5.63
Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$11.71	\$9.10
New Access Fee (No Previous Service to Property)		
Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$550.00	\$550.00
2" Water Service Line	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
3" & 4" Water Service Line	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
6" Water Service Line	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
8" Water Service Line	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
RESIDENTIAL SEWER SERVICE		
Basic Service:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$25.61	\$26.12
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.78	\$2.84
Maximum <i>(Based on 10,000 Gallons/Month)</i>	\$53.39	\$54.52
Non-Annexed:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$33.29	\$26.12
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$3.61	\$2.84
Maximum <i>(Based on 10,000 Gallons/Month)</i>	\$69.39	\$54.52
New Access Fee (No Previous Service to Property)		
	Refer to Sewer Access Chart	Refer to Sewer Access Chart

COMMERCIAL SEWER SERVICE		
Basic Service:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$52.94	\$54.00
Rate per 1,000 Gallons <i>(Up to 10,600 Gallons/Month)</i>	\$2.80	\$2.86
Rate per 1,000 Gallons <i>(Over 10,600 Gallons/Month)</i>	\$3.56	\$3.63
Non-Annexed:		
Minimum Base Rate	\$68.82	\$54.00
Rate per 1,000 Gallons <i>(Up to 10,600 Gallons/Month)</i>	\$3.64	\$2.86
Rate per 1,000 Gallons <i>(Over 10,600 Gallons/Month)</i>	\$4.63	\$3.63
New Access Fee <i>(no previous service to property)</i>		
	Refer to Sewer Access Chart	Refer to Sewer Access Chart
BULK WATER SERVICE		
Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$35.00	\$35.00
Government Agency Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$4.30	\$4.51
WATER METER RENTAL		
Deposit (Cash or Credit Card)	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Rental Fee (Paid with Deposit)	\$200.00	\$200.00
BULK SEPTAGE SERVICE		
Bulk Septage Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$50.00	\$50.00
Pit Sludge Rate per 1,000 Gallons <i>(i.e. Sand-Oil Separators)</i>	\$150.00	\$150.00
Treated Wastewater - Industrial Sales per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.95	\$5.95

SEWER ACCESS FEES		
INSTALLATION TYPE	UNIT OF MEASURE	FEE
RESIDENTIAL		
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 Bedroom	\$1,805.27
	Unit 3+ Bedroom	\$2,256.59
Mobile Home	Unit	\$2,256.59
COMMERCIAL		
Apartment/Condominium	Unit < 3 Bedroom	\$1,805.27
	Unit 3 + Bedroom	\$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	1,000 Sq.Ft.	\$540.47
Convenience Store-Retail	1,000 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	1,000 Sq.Ft.	\$1,125.97
Restaurant	Seat	\$315.27
Shopping Center	1,000 Sq.Ft.	\$1,125.97
Theater	Seat	\$45.04
Warehouse (Storage)	1,000 Sq.Ft.	\$540.47
Shop / Garage	1,000 Sq.Ft.	\$1,125.97
Light Industrial	Employee	\$225.19
Industrial Strength Discharger	CASE BY CASE BASIS	
Others Not Listed		

GARBAGE RATES

RESIDENTIAL

	96 Gallon Tote				300 Gallon Tote
	1	2	3	4	1
Dumps/Week					
1	\$22.04	\$22.04	\$44.08	\$66.12	\$66.12
96 Gallon Tote Replacement	\$85.00				
300 Gallon Tote Replacement	\$500.00				

COMMERCIAL

	96 Gallon Tote	300 Gallon Tote	Dumpster Size					
	1	1	1.5	2	3	4	6	8
Dumps/Week								
1	\$22.04	\$66.12	\$66.12	\$76.70	\$99.19	\$121.67	\$182.50	\$243.34
2	\$44.08	\$99.19	\$132.25	\$153.41	\$198.37	\$243.34	\$365.01	\$486.68
3	\$66.12	\$148.78	\$198.37	\$230.11	\$297.56	\$365.01	\$547.51	\$730.02
4	\$88.16	\$182.50	\$264.50	\$306.82	\$396.75	\$486.68	\$730.02	\$973.36
5	\$110.20	\$228.13	\$330.62	\$383.52	\$495.94	\$608.35	\$912.52	\$1,216.70
6	\$132.24	\$273.76	\$396.75	\$460.23	\$595.12	\$730.02	\$1,095.03	\$1,460.04
7	\$154.28	\$319.38	\$462.87	\$536.93	\$694.31	\$851.69	\$1,277.53	\$1,703.37

EXTRA DUMP FEES								
	96 Gallon Tote	300 Gallon Tote	Dumpster Size					
			1.5	2	3	4	6	8
Cost/Dump	\$5.09	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$60.00

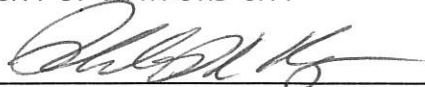
TEMPORARY DUMPSTER							
Two Week Rental Fee		\$50.00					
	300 Gallon Tote	Dumpster Size					
	1	1.5	2	3	4	6	8
Cost/Dump	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$60.00

ACCOUNT FEES	
Meter Inspection Fee	\$10.00
New Account Fee	\$35.00
Payment Return (NSF) Fee	\$30.00
Penalty Rate	1.75%
Postage	Current USPS Rates
Water Shut Off Fee	\$35.00
Water Turn On Fee	\$35.00

The above amended resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 5th day of February 2024. Council Member Beard moved to approve the Amended 2024 Utility Rate Resolution. Motion seconded by Council Member Renville and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Beard, Sanford, Liebel, Devlin, Renville, Bulzomi; nays: none. Absent and not voting: none.

ENACTED by the City Council of Watford City, North Dakota, this 5th day of February 2024.

CITY OF WATFORD CITY


Philip K Riely, Mayor

ATTEST:


Peni Peterson, City Auditor