

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01
CITY OF WATFORD CITY
UTILITY RATES RESOLUTION
Amended April 1, 2013

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 April 1, 2013 the rates for utility services are to be adjusted as follows:

	<u>January 2013</u>	<u>April 2013</u>	<u>October 2013</u>
<u>WATER</u>			
Residential			
Basic Service			
Base Rate	\$19.60	\$19.60	\$19.60
Unit Charge	\$3.24/1000	\$3.24/1000	\$3.24/1000
Hook-up Fee (New Connection, no previous service to property)			
Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$550	\$550	
2" Water Service Line	\$1,900	\$2,000	

Commercial

Basic Service

Base Rate	\$ 30.77	\$30.77
Unit Charge	\$3.24/1000	\$3.24/1000
Hook-up Fee (New Connection, no previous service to property)		
Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$550	\$550
2" Water Service Line	\$1,900	\$2,000
3" & 4" Water Service Lines		\$4,000
6" Water Service Line		\$6,000
8" Water Service Line		\$12,000

Bulk Water

Unit Charge		\$35.00/1000
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Water Meter Rental

Base Rate		\$25.00
Unit Charge		\$35.00/1000

SEWER**Residential**

Min Monthly Fee	\$20.06	\$20.06
Unit Charge	\$1.56/1000	\$1.56/1000
Maximum (based on 8000 gal/mo)	\$32.54	\$32.54

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

Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$300	\$500	Refer to chart
2" Water Service Line	\$750	\$1,500	Refer to chart

Commercial

Min Monthly Fee	\$36.77	\$36.77
Unit Charge	\$1.56/1000 to 10,600	\$1.56/1000 to 10,600
Over 10,600	\$1.98/1000	\$1.98/1000

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

Up to 1" Water Service Line	\$300	\$1,000	Refer to chart
2" & 3" Water Service Lines	\$750 for 2"	\$3,000	Refer to chart
4"-8" Water Service Line		\$6,000	Refer to chart

GARBAGE

WATFORD CITY 2013 COMMERCIAL SANITATION RATE STRUCTURE									
	CANS			DUMPSTERS					
DUMPS/ WEEK	1 CAN	2 CANS	3 CANS	1 YARD	1.5 YARD	2 YARD	3 YARD	4 YARD	6 YARD
1	\$19.90			\$47.29	\$52.48	\$61.14	\$78.68	\$95.99	\$155.50
2				\$93.48	\$103.85	\$121.11	\$155.86	\$190.38	\$308.41
3				\$139.68	\$155.22	\$181.08	\$233.05	\$284.77	\$461.32
4				\$185.85	\$206.59	\$241.05	\$310.22	\$379.16	\$614.22
5	\$35.64	\$71.26	\$106.90	\$232.04	\$257.96	\$308.75	\$387.41	\$473.54	\$767.11
6				\$278.23	\$309.33	\$361.00	\$464.59	\$567.93	\$920.02
7				\$324.42	\$360.70	\$420.98	\$541.77	\$662.32	\$1,072.93

Council Member Voll moved to approve the Utility Rate Resolution showing a 0% increase in the water base rate and a 99% increase in the water unit rate for residential users and a 57% increase in the water base rate and 99% increase in the water unit rate for commercial users; an 8% increase in the sewer base rate and a 98% increase in the sewer unit rate for residential users and a 98% increase in sewer base rate and a 98% increase in sewer unit rate for commercial users; 0% increase in residential garbage rates and 8% increase in commercial garbage; Motion seconded by Council Member Homiston and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Samuelson, Bolken, Pacheco, Voll, Homiston, and Mulder; nays: none. Absent: none. ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Watford City, North Dakota, this 3rd day of December, 2012

The above resolution was amended at a regular meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 1st day of April, 2013. Council Member Voll moved to approve the recommendation from the Water, Sewer, Garbage Committee to amend the 2013-01 Utility Resolution pertaining to Service Lines and Hook-up Fees. Motion seconded by Council Member Homiston and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mulder, Pacheco, Samuelson, Homiston, and Voll; nays; none.

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ATTEST:

 Brent Sanford, Mayor

 Peni Peterson, City Auditor