

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01
CITY OF WATFORD CITY
UTILITY RATES RESOLUTION
Adopted 12/02/2013

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 January 1, 2014 the rates for utility services are to be adjusted as follows:

	<u>October 2013</u>	<u>January 2014</u>
<u>WATER</u>		
Residential		
Basic Service		
Base Rate	\$19.60	\$19.60
Unit Charge	\$3.24/1,000	\$3.92/1,000
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	\$30.77
Unit Charge	\$3.24/1,000	\$3.92/1,000
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 cash
Base Rate	\$25.00	\$25.00
Unit Charge	\$35.00/1,000	\$35.00/1,000

SEWER**Residential**

Min Monthly Fee	\$20.06	\$20.66
Unit Charge	\$1.56/1,000	\$2.15/1,000
Maximum (based on 10,000 gal/mo)	\$32.54	\$42.16

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	\$36.77	\$42.29
Unit Charge to 10,600	\$1.56/1,000	\$2.15/1,000
Over 10,600	\$1.98/1,000	\$2.73/1,000

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

<u>Type of Installation</u>	<u>Unit of Measure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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 Bdrm Unit 3+ Bdrm	\$1,805.27 \$2,256.59
Mobile Home	Unit	\$2,256.59
Commercial		
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

WATFORD CITY 2014 SANITATION RATE STRUCTURE

Residential									
	\$21.89/ month								
Commercial									
DUMPS/ WEEK	1 CAN	2 CANS	3 CANS	1.5 YARD	2 YARD	3 YARD	4 YARD	6 YARD	8 YARD
1	\$23.88			\$62.98	\$73.05	\$94.46	\$115.88	\$173.81	\$231.75
2				\$125.95	\$146.10	\$188.93	\$231.75	\$347.63	\$463.50
3				\$188.93	\$219.16	\$283.39	\$347.63	\$521.44	\$695.26
4				\$251.90	\$292.21	\$377.86	\$463.50	\$695.26	\$927.01
5	\$39.60	\$79.18	\$118.78	\$314.88	\$365.26	\$472.32	\$579.38	\$869.07	\$1158.76
6				\$377.86	\$438.31	\$566.78	\$695.26	\$1042.88	\$1390.51
7				\$440.83	\$511.37	\$661.25	\$811.13	\$1216.70	\$1622.26

The above resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 2nd day of December, 2013. Council member Voll moved to approve the Utility Rate Resolution showing a 0% increase in the water base rate and a 21% increase in the water unit charge for both residential and commercial customers. The residential sewer base rate increases by 3%, and the per unit charge by 38%. The commercial sewer base rate increases by 15%, and the per unit charge by 38%. Residential garbage rates increase by 10%, and commercial garbage rates increase by 20%. Motion seconded by Council Member Samuelson and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mulder, Bolken, Homiston, Samuelson, and Voll; nays: none. Absent: Pacheco. ENACTED by the City Council of Watford City, North Dakota, this 2nd day of December, 2013.

CITY OF WATFORD CITY

ATTEST:

Brent Sanford, Mayor

Peni Peterson, City Auditor