

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01**

## **CITY OF WATFORD CITY UTILITY RATES RESOLUTION Adopted 12/04/2023**

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

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

<b>SEWER ACCESS FEES</b>		
<b>INSTALLATION TYPE</b>	<b>UNIT OF MEASURE</b>	<b>FEE</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 Bedroom	\$1,805.27
	Unit 3+ Bedroom	\$2,256.59
Mobile Home	Unit	\$2,256.59
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>		
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	Dumpsters					
	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

TEMPORARY DUMPSTER							
Two Week Rental Fee		\$50					
	300 Gallon Tote	Dumpsters					
Cost/Dump	1	1.5	2	3	4	6	8
	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$60.00

ACCOUNT FEES	
New Account Fee	\$35.00
Water Shut Off Fee	\$35.00
Water Turn On Fee	\$35.00
Payment Return (NSF) Fee	\$30.00
Postage	Current USPS Rates


The above resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023. Council Member Renville moved to approve the 2024 Utility Rate Resolution showing a 1% change to the water base rate and to the water unit charge for both residential and commercial customers and a 1% change to the residential and commercial irrigation rate. Approved a 2% increase to the residential and commercial sewer base rate and to the residential and commercial sewer unit rate. Garbage rates for both residential and commercial were unchanged. Motion seconded by Council Member Sanford and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Devlin, Sanford, Renville, Beard, and Bulzomi; nays: none. Absent and not voting: Liebel.

ENACTED by the City Council of Watford City, North Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

CITY OF WATFORD CITY

  
Philip K Riely, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Peni Peterson, City Auditor