

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

CITY OF WATFORD CITY

Amended 2025-01-06

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. Cost for Utility Replacements
- C. Interest Income on Investments
- D. Whether the assumption for self-perpetuating the system is adequate.

Effective January 1, 2025, the rates for utility services are to be adjusted as follows:

MONTHLY UTILITY SERVICE RATES

SERVICE TYPE

2024

2025

RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE

Basic Service:

Minimum Base Rate

\$24.76

\$24.76

Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$5.63

\$5.63

Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$8.33

\$8.33

Non-Annexed:

Minimum Base Rate

\$24.76

\$24.76

Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$5.63

\$5.63

Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$8.33

\$8.33

COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICE

Basic Service:

Minimum Base Rate

\$40.73

\$40.73

Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$5.63

\$5.63

Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$9.10

\$9.10

Non-Annexed:

Minimum Base Rate

\$40.73

\$40.73

Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$5.63

\$5.63

Irrigation Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$9.10

\$9.10

RESIDENTIAL SEWER SERVICE

Basic Service:

Minimum Base Rate

\$26.12

\$26.64

Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$2.84

\$2.90

Maximum

\$54.52

\$55.61

(Based on 10,000 Gallons/Month)

Non-Annexed:

Minimum Base Rate

\$26.12

\$26.64

Rate per 1,000 Gallons

\$2.84

\$2.90

Maximum

\$54.52

\$55.61

(Based on 10,000 Gallons/Month)

COMMERCIAL SEWER SERVICE			
Basic Service:			
Minimum Base Rate		\$54.00	\$55.08
Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$2.86	\$2.92
(Up to 10,600 Gallons/Month)			
Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$3.63	\$3.70
(Over 10,600 Gallons/Month)			
Non-Annexed:			
Minimum Base Rate		\$54.00	\$55.08
Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$2.86	\$2.90
(Up to 10,600 Gallons/Month)			
Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$3.63	\$3.70
(Over 10,600 Gallons/Month)			
BULK WATER SERVICE – CONSTRUCTION HYDRANT METER			
Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$35.00	\$35.00
Government Agency Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$4.51	\$4.51
Base Rate		\$40.73	\$40.73
Deposit (Cash or Credit Card)		\$1,900.00	\$2,000.00
BULK SEPTAGE SERVICE			
Bulk Septage Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$50.00	\$50.00
Pit Sludge Rate per 1,000 Gallons		\$150.00	\$150.00
(i.e. Sand-Oil Separators)			
Treated Wastewater - Industrial Sales per 1,000 Gallons		\$5.95	\$5.95

WATER METERS & PARTS			
METER TYPE	PARTS	PARTS FEE	TOTAL METER FEE
5/8" Meter	5/8" iPerl Meter	\$ 199.50	<u>\$461.36</u>
	2- 3/4" Couplers (\$16.96 ea.)	\$ 35.62	
	2 - 3/4" Washers (\$0.10 ea.)	\$ 0.21	
	25' Cable for iPerl	\$ 26.53	
	MXU	\$ 199.50	
3/4" Meter	3/4" iPerl Meter	\$ 226.80	<u>\$488.66</u>
	2- 3/4" Couplers (\$16.96 ea.)	\$ 35.62	
	2 - 3/4" Washers (\$0.10 ea.)	\$ 0.21	
	25' Cable for iPerl	\$ 26.53	
	MXU	\$ 199.50	
1" Meter	1" iPerl Meter	\$ 305.55	<u>\$587.51</u>
	2- 1" Couplers (\$26.13 ea.)	\$ 54.87	
	2 - 1" Washers (\$0.50 ea.)	\$ 1.05	
	25' Cable for iPerl	\$ 26.53	
	MXU	\$ 199.50	
1 1/2" Meter	1 1/2" Omni C2 Meter	\$ 1,730.40	<u>\$2,145.85</u>
	2-1 1/2" Couplers (\$82.70 ea.)	\$ 173.67	
	2 - 1 1/2" Gaskets (\$3.00 ea.)	\$ 6.30	
	4- Bolts (\$2.00 ea.)	\$ 8.40	
	4- Nuts (\$0.25 ea.)	\$ 1.05	
	MXU & Cable	\$ 226.03	
2" Meter	2" Omni C2 Meter	\$ 2,000.25	<u>\$2,477.72</u>
	2- 2" Couplers (\$113.53 ea.)	\$ 238.41	
	2 - 2" Gaskets (\$2.42 ea.)	\$ 5.08	
	4- Bolts (\$1.53 ea.)	\$ 6.43	
	4- Nuts (\$0.36 ea.)	\$ 1.51	
	MXU & Cable	\$ 226.03	
3" Meter	3" Omni C2 Meter	\$ 2,345.70	<u>\$2,981.55</u>
	2- 3" Couplers (\$185.17 ea.)	\$ 388.86	
	2 - 3" Gaskets (\$2.42 ea.)	\$ 5.08	
	8- Bolts (\$1.53 ea.)	\$ 12.85	
	8- Nuts (\$0.36 ea.)	\$ 3.02	
	MXU & Cable	\$ 226.03	
4" Meter	4" Omni C2 Meter	\$ 4,3770.10	<u>\$5,139.95</u>
	2- Round Brass Flange (\$241.22 ea.)	\$ 506.56	
	2 - 4" Red Rubber Gaskets (\$2.62 ea.)	\$ 5.50	
	16- Bolts (\$1.53 ea.)	\$ 25.70	
	16- Nuts (\$0.36 ea.)	\$ 6.05	
	MXU & Cable	\$ 226.03	
OMNI Register	C2 Retrofit Register	\$ 514.50	<u>\$514.50</u>

NEW SERVICE ACCESS FEES		
WATER ACCESS		
Residential Access:		
Up to 1" Residential Water Service Line	\$550.00	\$550.00
2" Residential Water Service Line	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
3" Residential Water Service Line	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Commercial Access:		
Up to 1" Commercial Water Service Line	\$550.00	\$550.00
1 ½" or 2" Commercial Water Service Line	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
3" or 4" Commercial Water Service Line	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
6" Commercial Water Service Line	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
8" Commercial Water Service Line	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Commercial Fire Line Access:		
3" or 4" Commercial Fire Line	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
6" Commercial Fire Line	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
8" Commercial Fire Line	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
SEWER ACCESS FEES		
INSTALLATION TYPE	UNIT OF MEASURE	FEE
Residential Access:		
Single Family	Unit	\$2,256.59
In-Home Apartment in Single Family Home	Unit	\$1,805.27
Duplex/Townhome	Unit	\$2,256.59
1-2 Bedroom Apartment with Individual Meter	Unit	\$1,805.27
3+ Bedroom Apartment with Individual Meter	Unit	\$2,256.59
Mobile Home	Unit	\$2,256.59
Commercial Access:		
1-2 Bedroom Apartment with Shared Meter	Unit	\$1,805.27
3+ Bedroom Apartment with Shared Meter	Unit	\$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 Laundry	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	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		

PAYBACK ZONE FEE SCHEDULE

	ZONE AREA #										
USAGE TYPE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Unit of Measure
Single Family	\$2,400.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,520.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	\$874.00	\$194.00	\$536.00	\$819.00	Unit
In-Home Apartment in Single Family Home	\$1,920.00	\$1,776.00	\$1,216.00	\$560.00	\$1,360.00	\$560.00	\$699.00	\$155.00	\$429.00	\$655.00	Unit
Duplex/Townhome	\$2,400.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,520.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	\$874.00	\$194.00	\$536.00	\$819.00	Unit
1-2 Bedroom Apartment with Individual Meter	\$1,920.00	\$1,776.00	\$1,216.00	\$560.00	\$1,360.00	\$560.00	\$699.00	\$155.00	\$429.00	\$655.00	Unit
3+ Bedroom Apartment with Individual Meter	\$2,400.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,520.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	\$874.00	\$194.00	\$536.00	\$819.00	Unit
Mobile Home	\$2,400.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,520.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	\$874.00	\$194.00	\$536.00	\$819.00	Unit
1-2 Bedroom Apartment with Shared Meter	\$1,920.00	\$1,776.00	\$1,216.00	\$560.00	\$1,360.00	\$560.00	\$699.00	\$155.00	\$429.00	\$655.00	Unit
3+ Bedroom Apartment with Shared Meter	\$2,400.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,520.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	\$874.00	\$194.00	\$536.00	\$819.00	Unit
Bar	\$240.00	\$222.00	\$152.00	\$70.00	\$170.00	\$70.00	\$87.00	\$19.00	\$54.00	\$82.00	Seat
Bed & Breakfast	\$1,198.00	\$1,108.00	\$758.00	\$349.00	\$848.00	\$349.00	\$436.00	\$97.00	\$267.00	\$409.00	Room
Campground/RV Park	\$1,920.00	\$1,776.00	\$1,216.00	\$560.00	\$1,360.00	\$560.00	\$699.00	\$155.00	\$429.00	\$655.00	Space
Car Wash	\$8,623.00	\$7,976.00	\$5,461.00	\$2,515.00	\$6,108.00	\$2,515.00	\$3,140.00	\$697.00	\$1,926.00	\$2,943.00	Wash Bay
Church	\$48.00	\$44.00	\$30.00	\$14.00	\$34.00	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$4.00	\$11.00	\$16.00	Seat
Coin Laundry	\$4,790.00	\$4,431.00	\$3,034.00	\$1,397.00	\$3,393.00	\$1,397.00	\$1,745.00	\$387.00	\$1,070.00	\$1,635.00	Washing
Commercial Laundry	\$7,663.00	\$7,088.00	\$4,853.00	\$2,235.00	\$5,428.00	\$2,235.00	\$2,791.00	\$619.00	\$1,711.00	\$2,615.00	Washing
Commercial Retail	\$576.00	\$533.00	\$365.00	\$168.00	\$408.00	\$168.00	\$210.00	\$47.00	\$129.00	\$197.00	1,000 sq. ft.
Convenience Store Retail	\$576.00	\$533.00	\$365.00	\$168.00	\$408.00	\$168.00	\$210.00	\$47.00	\$129.00	\$197.00	1,000 sq. ft.
Food Service	\$295.00	\$273.00	\$187.00	\$86.00	\$209.00	\$86.00	\$108.00	\$24.00	\$66.00	\$101.00	Seat
Hospital	\$2,395.00	\$2,216.00	\$1,517.00	\$699.00	\$1,697.00	\$699.00	\$872.00	\$194.00	\$535.00	\$817.00	Bed
Hotel/Motel/Rooming House with Restaurant	\$1,198.00	\$1,108.00	\$758.00	\$349.00	\$848.00	\$349.00	\$436.00	\$97.00	\$267.00	\$409.00	Room
Hotel/Motel/Rooming	\$862.00	\$797.00	\$546.00	\$251.00	\$610.00	\$251.00	\$314.00	\$70.00	\$192.00	\$294.00	Room
Mobile Home/Trailer Park	\$2,400.00	\$2,220.00	\$1,520.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	\$874.00	\$194.00	\$536.00	\$819.00	Space
Nursing Home	\$1,438.00	\$1,330.00	\$910.00	\$419.00	\$1,018.00	\$419.00	\$524.00	\$116.00	\$321.00	\$491.00	Bed
Office	\$1,198.00	\$1,108.00	\$758.00	\$349.00	\$848.00	\$349.00	\$436.00	\$97.00	\$267.00	\$409.00	1,000 sq. ft.

Restaurant	\$258.00	\$239.00	\$164.00	\$75.00	\$183.00	\$75.00	\$94.00	\$21.00	\$58.00	\$88.00	Seat
Shop/Garage	\$1,198.00	\$1,108.00	\$758.00	\$349.00	\$848.00	\$349.00	\$436.00	\$97.00	\$267.00	\$409.00	1,000 sq. ft.
Shopping Center	\$1,198.00	\$1,108.00	\$758.00	\$349.00	\$848.00	\$349.00	\$436.00	\$97.00	\$267.00	\$409.00	1,000 sq. ft.
Theater	\$48.00	\$44.00	\$30.00	\$14.00	\$34.00	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$4.00	\$11.00	\$16.00	Seat
Warehouse	\$576.00	\$533.00	\$365.00	\$168.00	\$408.00	\$168.00	\$210.00	\$47.00	\$129.00	\$197.00	1,000 sq. ft.
Light Industrial	\$240.00	\$222.00	\$152.00	\$70.00	\$170.00	\$70.00	\$87.00	\$19.00	\$54.00	\$82.00	Employee
Industrial Strength	Case by Case Basis										
Others Not Listed											

GARBAGE RATES	
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RESIDENTIAL

	96 Gallon Tote				300 Gallon Tote
	1 Tote	2 Totes	3 Totes	4 Totes	Each
One Dump per Week	\$22.04	\$22.04	\$44.08	\$66.12	\$66.12
96 Gallon Tote Replacement	\$85.00				
300 Gallon Tote Replacement	\$500.00				

COMMERCIAL

	Container Size							
Dumps per Week	96 Gallon Tote	300 Gallon Tote	1.5 YD	2 YD	3 YD	4 YD	6 YD	8 YD
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	
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Cost per Dump	Container Size							
	96 Gallon Tote	300 Gallon Tote	1.5 YD	2 YD	3 YD	4 YD	6 YD	8 YD
	\$5.09	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$60.00

TEMPORARY DUMPSTER

Cost per Dump	Container Size						
	300 Gallon Tote	1.5 YD	2 YD	3 YD	4 YD	6 YD	8 YD
	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
Two Week Rental Fee	\$50.00						

ACCOUNT FEES	
Meter Inspection Fee	\$10.00
Hydrant Flow Test Fee (2025-01-06)	\$250.00
New Account Fee	\$35.00
Payment Return (NSF) Fee	\$30.00
Penalty Rate	1.75%
Postage	Current USPS Rates
Water Shut Off/Turn On Fee (8am – 4pm) (2025-01-06)	\$35.00
Water Shut Off/Turn On Fee (4pm – 8am) (2025-01-06)	\$100.00

The above resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of Watford City on the 3rd day of December 2024. Council Member Chavez moved to approve the 2025 Utility Rate Resolution showing a 2% increase to the residential and commercial sewer base rate and to the residential and commercial sewer unit rate. Water and Garbage rates for both residential and commercial were unchanged. Motion seconded by Council Member Sanford and carried by the following roll call vote: Renville, Sanford, Suter, Bulzomi, and Chavez; nays: none. Absent: Devlin.

ENACTED by the City Council of Watford City, North Dakota, this 3rd day of December 2024.

AMENDED by the City Council of Watford City, North Dakota, this 6th day of January 2025.

CITY OF WATFORD CITY


Philip K Riely, Mayor

ATTEST:


Peni Peterson, City Auditor