

CITY OF BUFFALO, IOWA
AMENDMENT *312*
INCREASE IN SEWER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES
AND WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the City's water utility system and sewer service system it is necessary to charge a monthly rate for those services, and;

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to increase the sewer service rates and charges and water service rates and charges in order to pay of providing, maintaining and replacing the city sewer system and water system, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has not raised its sewer service rates and charges and water service rates and charges in approximately thirteen years;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the service rates and charges and water service rates and charges are to be amended as follows:

1. §3-3.0901 of Article 9 currently states:

Sewer Services Designated: There shall be and there are hereby established sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer utility based upon the amount and rate of water consumed as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sewer Service Charge</u>
1st 4,000 gallons or lesser amount per month	\$13.90 per month minimum monthly bill
Next 1,000 gallons per month	\$2.34 per 1,000 gallons
Next 1,000 gallons per month	\$2.34 per 1,000 gallons
Next 1,000 gallons per month	\$2.34 per 1,000 gallons
All over 7,000 gallons per month	\$2.34 per 1,000 gallons

All gallonage classifications in the above rate schedule include a constant rate of \$1.34 per 1,000 gallons for operation, maintenance and replacement costs

In the case of non-metered services minimum service charge should not be less than \$17.55 per month, which is necessary to retire indebtedness to pay operating, maintenance and replacement and to fund reserves necessary for maintaining the sewer facility.

Customers of the sanitary sewer facility who are not also customers of the municipal water system shall pay a minimum charge of \$17.55 per month.

Service to industrial establishments may be by contract if the city deems this to be in its best interest.

§3-3.0901 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sewer Services Designated: There shall be and there are hereby established sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer utility based upon the amount and rate of water consumed as follows:

Beginning July 1, 2001:

Amount

1st 4,000 gallons or lesser amount per month

Usage in excess of 4,000 gallons per month

Sewer Service Charge

\$14.40 per month minimum
monthly bill

\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons

Beginning July 1, 2002:

Amount

1st 4,000 gallons or lesser amount per month

Usage in excess of 4,000 gallons per month

Sewer Service Charge

\$14.90 per month minimum
monthly bill

\$2.65 per 1,000 gallons

Beginning July 1, 2003:

Amount

1st 4,000 gallons or lesser amount per month

Usage in excess of 4,000 gallons per month

Sewer Service Charge

\$15.50 per month minimum
monthly bill

\$2.90 per 1,000 gallons

Beginning July 1, 2004:

Amount

1st 4,000 gallons or lesser amount per month

Usage in excess of 4,000 gallons per month

Sewer Service Charge

\$16.00 per month minimum
monthly bill

\$3.05 per 1,000 gallons

Beginning July 1, 2005:

Amount

1st 4,000 gallons or lesser amount per month

Usage in excess of 4,000 gallons per month

Sewer Service Charge

\$16.50 per month minimum
monthly bill

\$3.20 per 1,000 gallons

Customers of the sanitary sewer facility who are not also customers of the municipal water system shall pay a minimum charge of \$20.50 per month.

Service to industrial establishments may be by contract if the city deems this to be in its best interest.

In the case of non-metered services minimum service charge should not be less than \$20.50 per month.

2. §6-1.0302 of the Buffalo Municipal Code currently states:

Rates and Service: Water service shall be furnished at the following rates within the city:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Water Service Charge</u>
3,000, minimum rate	\$6.00
Next 7,000 gallons	\$0.65 per 1,000
Next 10,000 gallons	\$0.60 per 1,000
Next 10,000 gallons	\$0.55 per 1,000
Next 20,000 gallons	\$0.50 per 1,000
Over 50,000 gallons	\$0.45 per 1,000

§6-1.0302 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Rates and Service: Water service shall be furnished at the following rates within the city:

Beginning July 1, 2001

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Water Service Charge</u>
3,000, minimum rate	\$6.50
Over 3,000 gallons	\$0.85 per 1,000

Beginning July 1, 2002

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Water Service Charge</u>
3,000, minimum rate	\$7.00
Over 3,000 gallons	\$0.95 per 1,000

Beginning July 1, 2003

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Water Service Charge</u>
3,000, minimum rate	\$7.50
Over 3,000 gallons	\$1.00 per 1,000

Beginning July 1, 2004

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Water Service Charge</u>
3,000, minimum rate	\$8.50
Over 3,000 gallons	\$1.10 per 1,000

Beginning July 1, 2005

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Water Service Charge</u>
3,000, minimum rate	\$9.00
Over 3,000 gallons	\$1.20 per 1,000

Full force and effect. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and publication as required by law.

Repealer. This ordinance shall be construed to repeal any prior ordinance inconsistent herewith.

Severability of provisions. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion

shall be deemed as separate, distinct, and independent provision as such holdings shall not be affected the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Buffalo, Iowa, this 2 day of July, 2001.

Approved and signed by the Mayor of Buffalo, Iowa, this day of July, 2001.

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer
City Clerk CAROL A. BERNAUER

Mayor PHIL C. HOOVER

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