

Sample Ordinance Consolidating All Rates

WHEREAS, it is necessary to consolidate all rates charged for utilities and other services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 of the City Code and other provisions contained therein authorizes the Council to establish rates, charges, and fees by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, MINNESOTA, that effective _____ (date) and specifically for utilities commencing with the utility bills due on _____ (date) the following charges will apply for the services as noted:

1. WATER.

Water charges shall be based upon customer class as follows:

Residential (less than 12,000 units per month)

Basic availability charge (minimum bill) 9.00 per month

Usage Charge (per unit/per month) 0-20 units 2.00

(per unit/per month) 21+ units 2.30

Commercial (less than 12,000 units/month)

Basic availability charge (minimum bill) 9.00 per month

Usage Charge (per unit/per month) 2.00

Industrial (more than 12,000 units/month)

Basic availability charge (minimum bill) 250.00 per month

Usage Charge (per unit/per month) .83

(A unit equals 750 U.S. Gallons)

Non-City services provided to areas outside the City limits shall pay an additional surcharge of 50 percent up to a maximum of \$715 per month per customer.

Safe Drinking Water Testing Fee (per month) .50 per water service customer

2. SEWER. Unless a specific contract governs charges for sewer service or water service to the customer or water service has been shut of by the City, sewer service charges shall be based upon actual water usage. For residential customers, there will be a summer maximum (bills due 6/10 through 11/10) based on the customer's average winter usage (usage from bills due 12/10 through 5/10). For bills due 12/10 through 5/10, the sewer charges shall be based upon actual water usage plus the basic availability charge per living unit including each apartment, condominium, or townhouse unit, etc. Sewer charges shall be billed to the same customer responsible for paying the cost of the metered water usage which is used to determine the appropriate sewer charges. The basic charge applies to all accounts and is based on the number of residential living units.

Basic Availability Charge All units 18.00 per month
1.20 per unit per month

3. REFUSE PICKUP. The following charges shall be made against all residential dwelling units unless water and/or electric service has been shut off by the City for that particular dwelling unit and said charges shall include the costs of pick up for recyclable material, yard waste, special City-wide pick-ups including storm clean ups, and general refuse service in accordance with the following schedule. The following monthly charges allow up to one 32 gallon container of garbage weighing no more than 50 pounds each week:

All homesteads and single/multi-family residences with 25 or fewer dwelling units \$ 12.50 per month

Apartments (non-homestead) with 25 or more dwelling units \$ 10.25 per month

Each additional container of garbage \$ 1.80 per container of up to 32 gallons and no more than 50 pounds.

(Homestead and non-homestead property shall be as the same are most currently classed for real estate tax purposes.)

Special pickups of City approved items

Minimum charge \$ 30.00
plus the estimated landfill tipping charge based on volume (appliances, tires, etc.)
Upon request, the City shall provide dumpsters at no charge for large projects.

Unless the owner of the property gives written directions to the contrary or individual utility bills are billed to individual units, the above-provided refuse charges shall be billed to each particular individual customer utilizing the service in the dwelling unit. In all other cases, charges shall be billed monthly to the owner of said residential apartments.

The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to establish City buildings which shall be then paid payment of refuse pick up service reasonable collection fees for various from said funds to the Refuse Fund for payment of refuse pick up service.

All-refuse shall be placed in containers as regulated from time to time by the City in compliance with County and State regulations. Other material shall be bound in a bundle not more than two feet in diameter and five feet in length. In no case shall an individual container weigh more than 50 pounds unless the same shall be an approved dumpster or similar container approved by the City and then under such terms, conditions, and provisions as the City may prescribe in said cases.

4. ELECTRICAL SERVICE. Charges for electrical service shall be based upon the type of service and classification, and usage as follows:

I. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE — This service is private dwelling areas (including premises where premise is currently classed for real estate tax and no more than two (2) kW per dwelling unit of exists at anytime during a calendar year, or the have non-residential accessory outbuildings with limited to uses exclusively for a majority of the entire purposes as homestead property) nonresidential connected load property being served does not any potential for non-residential uses. Buildings, storage areas, and other similar structures that have electrical service and are over 1,000 square feet in total combined area are presumed to be non-residential uses.

Customer charge per month (minimum bill)	\$10.00
General Residential Uses per kwh	0.52
All electric residential (heating, water heating, etc.) (winter only)	
First 1,100 kWh billed at the residential service rates	N/A
Next 8,400 kWh per kWh	0.034
All additional kwh, per kWh	0.084

It is the intention of the Council that all customers' current classed in this winter only class shall be converted to the new "controlled electric heat/water heater" service and classification. The City will pay for the cost of meter charges to convert customers so as to qualify for this new class. This class shall be eliminated to any customer when the City offers the conversion.

Controlled Electric Heat/water Heater Service — All residential electric heat and water heating which is controlled by the City's load management system and meets the requirements of residential service. In adopting this rate classification, it is the intention that heating load control would not result in a drop of inside residential temperature below 60 degrees F. assuming adequately sized heating units and insulation. The City Administrator is authorized to establish other requirements to accomplish the intent and purpose of this service sub-class. Utility staff will work with any customers experiencing a difficulty to determine the options such as a "warm room" (uncontrolled) may be utilized. Generally the goal of load control is to reduce City total loads without any significant discomfort by customers.

Customer Charge per KWH 0.034

II. FARM/MIXED — Farms and other services with both -residential and non-residential uses and not classified with any other classification. Customer charger per month

(minimum bill)	18.00
First 1100 kwh, per kwh	.052

All additional kwh, per kwh .070

Any customer desiring to split a service with two or more separate meters so as to isolate the entirely residential and/or all electric portion(s) from the non-residential portion may do so by installing a separately metered service. The City will provide the meter and meter base and only one customer charge per month will be charged at the rate of \$18.00. The residential rate will be billed at the appropriate residential class and type schedule, and the non-residential portion will be billed at the commercial class rates.

III. GENERAL SERVICE (Commercial) - All non 3-phase services unless classified as residential.

Customer charge per month (minimum bill)	20.00
Energy kWh charge, per kwh	
First 2,500 kWh	.062
All Additional kwh	.048

GENERAL SERVICE (Commercial - Economic Development Rate) When authorized by the City Council, the following rate may be offered under such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate and approved by the City Council on an annual basis.

Customer charge per month (minimum bill)	20.00
All kwh, per kWh	.01 over cost calculated monthly

IV. GENERAL SERVICE - DEMAND (All 3-phase services unless classified as residential, or large power services.)

Customer charge, per month (minimum bill)	40.00
Peak kW demand charge, per kW	10.50
Energy kWh charge, per kWh	0.024

In no event shall the peak demand for any month be less than 60 percent of the peak demand charge occurring during the previous 11 monthly bills.

V. LARGE POWER SERVICE — All 3-phase services with a minimum 200 kW peak demand load and a 50 percent load factor during the past 12 months. (Customer must apply and no retroactivity.)

Customer charge, per month (minimum bill)	126.00
Peak Demand kW charge, per kW	8.00
Energy kWh charge, per kWh	0.024

In no event shall the peak demand for any month be less than 60 percent of the peak demand charge occurring during the previous 11 monthly bills.

Peak demand shall be based upon the average kW demand occurring during the highest 15 minute period occurring during the monthly billing cycle.

VI. INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE - All three-phase service customers that would normally be billed under the general service or large power service may apply to put all or a portion of their load on an interruptible basis and said energy and demand for said interruptible load shall be wired (at the customer's expense) and metered separately with following charges:

Peak kW Demand Charge, per kW	\$ 0
Energy kWh Charge, per kWh	\$ 0.0320

The City Administrator is authorized to establish minimum kW loads to qualify for the interruptible service. All interruptible service users must execute and comply with the terms of an Interruptible Power Agreement. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to formulate said contract and to establish such other rules and regulations as may be reasonable and necessary for the proper implementation of the interruptible service.

5. SECURITY/STREET LIGHTS. The following charges shall be made on per month basis based upon the watt size of the security light and shall include all initial installation and maintenance costs provided the light can be installed on existing utility equipment.

100 Watt	\$ 5.00
250 Watt	9.00
400 Watt	13.00

The City Administrator is hereby directed to calculate the average energy consumption and life cycle costs for street lights which sums shall be charged to the General Fund for street lights throughout the City.

6. STORM SEWER FEES. Storm Sewer charges for calculating rates pursuant to City Code Sec. 3.24, Subd. 3 (B) are as follows and shall be billed monthly.

Basic System Rate	\$45.00 per acre with a residential equivalency factor (REF) of one subject to a minimum charge of \$.50 per month.
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7. UTILITY CONNECTION FEES. READ OUTS. AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Charges for the following noted services shall be as indicated:

Electric, Water, Sewer and Refuse Disconnection of service (for each utility discontinued) during the hours of 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.	\$11.00
After hours/weekends/holidays	30.00

Reestablishment of service (for each utility) during the hours of 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.	11.00
After hours/weekends/holidays	30.00
New customer charge per utility	5.00

Miscellaneous Services	
Lot pin location, repair of private services etc., per man hour plus equipment and material charges as regularly billed by established schedules	25.00

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for city charges, minimum charge	\$50.00
When a discontinuation and recontinuation can be accomplished in one trip by utility personnel to the affected property serviced by the utility, only one fee shall be billed. Waiting time in these cases, if any, more than 10 minutes in duration shall be charged at the rate of \$25 per hour for waiting time spent beyond the 10 minute maximum.	
Water Connection Charges (hook up fees)	\$300*
1" Service Line or Less:	
Larger than 1", the charge shall be based on the cross section area of the service line as it relates to a 1" service multiplied by \$300.00 in addition the actual costs of City installed services lines, labor and materials shall be added to the above charges.	
Sewer Service Connection Charges (hook up fees)	\$300*
4" Service Line (minimum)	
Larger than 4", the charge shall be based on the cross section area of the service line as it relates to a 4" service line multiplied by \$300.00 in addition the cost of City installed service lines, labor, and materials shall be added to the above charges.	

*These same water and sewer connection fees will be increased for any property which have been benefited by the construction of a sewer or water main when the costs have not been previously assessed. The actual amounts chargeable to the property will be established by the City Administrator at the time of said improvement and copy thereof maintained in the City Offices. Said charge shall reflect as near as possible the amount the property would have been charged if it had been assessed and the failure to calculate said charge at the time of the improvement shall not relieve the payment thereof.

Storm Sewer Connection Charges (hook up fees)

All storm sewer connections require prior approval of the City and the charges therefore will be based on estimated flows and system capabilities to accept additional direct flows and City connection costs.

All such hook up fees and any other charges related to connection with a utility must be paid prior to said connection or issuance of a building permit, or a bond acceptable to and in favor of the City placed guaranteeing payment under terms and conditions agreed to by the City.