

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAVERLY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 52, SECTION 52.39 OF THE WAVERLY MUNICIPAL CODE: SEWERS; BASE RATES: AND SECTION 52.40 SEWERS; SURCHARGE RATES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAVERLY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Section 52.39 of the Waverly Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:

§52.39 BASE RATES.

Except for the Municipality, all customers of the Municipal Sewer department shall be charged a base rate to be set by ordinance of the Governing Body. The sewer base rates shall be as follows for:

A.	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Costs of Service Charge</u>	
	5/8"	\$36.89	\$37.63
	3/4"	\$36.89	\$37.63
	1"	\$36.89	\$37.63
	1.5"	\$48.80	\$49.77
	2"	\$56.59	\$57.72
	3"	\$73.91	\$75.39
	4"	\$115.49	\$117.80

Both multiple housing units and multiple commercial units on a single water meter for use of the waste water system shall be charged the base rate for each separate unit served by said meter.

B. Non-Resident Users

Wastewater system users located outside the corporate limits of the Municipality shall be charged double the base rates set for residents of the Municipality under the classification that the non-resident may be placed. *(Amended by Ord. No. 01-13, 9/4/01; 01-08, 7/2/01; 99-24, 9/7/99; 01-08, 07/02/01; 07-09, 09/17/07; 09-09, 09/21/09; 11-19, 08/16/11; 12-19, 12/18/12; 13-07, 08/06/13; 19-08, 09/24/19; 20-05, 8/25/20; 21-08, 08/10/21; 22-06, 08/09/22; 23-12, 08/08/23; 25-15, 9/9/25)*

§52.40 SURCHARGE RATES.

Except for the Municipality, all customers of the Municipal Sewer Department for the use of sewer service for volume, high pollutant, or industrial waste discharges shall be charged, in addition to other wastewater system use fees imposed by this Article, a surcharge at rates to be set by ordinance of the Governing Body. In the absence of either separate plumbing systems or flow recording equipment acceptable to the Wastewater Operator sufficient to clearly show the volume of water discharged into the wastewater system, all users shall be presumed to discharge into the wastewater system all of the water purchased from the Municipality. The sewer surcharge rates shall be as follows:

A. Residential Volume Surcharge

All residential users for volume use of the wastewater system shall be charged monthly a surcharge of three dollars and ~~fifty-nine~~ sixty-six cents (\$3.~~59~~66) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and discharged into the wastewater system as determined by a monthly average of water supplied by the Municipal water Department during the winter quarter, for usage during December, January and February.

If a resident or commercial user's December, January and February monthly usage of water are not available to determine an average, the monthly rate shall be calculated on the basis of a 4,000 gallon metered water bill

until the December, January and February billing statements are available or such other reasonable estimate can be made by the City.

B. Commercial Volume Surcharge

All commercial users, except industrial level commercial users, for volume use of the waste water system shall be charged monthly a surcharge of five dollars and ~~twelve~~ **twenty-two** cents (\$5.~~12~~**22**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and discharged into the waste water system as determined by a monthly average of water supplied by the Municipal water department during a twelve (12) month period and for which billings are made by the Municipality from October through September.

C. Industrial Pollutant Surcharge

All industrial level users, who introduce into the waste water system any sewage other than “normal sewage” shall be charged monthly a surcharge of seven dollars and ~~two~~ **sixteen** cents (\$7.~~02~~**16**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used and discharged into the wastewater system and determined by a monthly average of water supplied by the Municipal water Department during a twelve (12) month period and for which billings are made by the Municipality from October through September.

D. Industrial Level Commercial and Industrial Surcharge

All users who discharge “High Pollutant Wastes” into the waste water system shall be charged monthly a surcharge, which shall be computed in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Eighty-~~six~~ **seven** cents (\$.8~~6~~**7**) per pound of BOD, or
2. Fifty-~~one~~ **two** cents (\$.5~~1~~**2**) per pound of COD, whichever is greater, and
3. Forty- ~~four~~ **five** cents (\$.4~~4~~**5**) per pound of suspended solids.
4. Grease Disposal Clause – The City requires that customers with the wastewater discharges that have high concentrations of grease and oil as determined by the City will install city approved grease traps in drains. Failure to install such traps and proper disposal of grease will result in a Grease Penalty Charge of 25% of the total wastewater bill to be added to each monthly bill until traps are installed and approved by the City.

E. The surcharge imposed in Paragraph “D” of this Section shall be based on the high three (3) daily averages for each such user based upon a sampling program which includes sampling by the Municipality over four (4), four (4) day periods during each calendar year. One (1) of said sampling periods shall fall within each quarter of the calendar year but sampling dates within each quarter shall be selected at random by the Wastewater Operator.

F. The surcharge applicable to any “slug” which is introduced into the wastewater system shall be computed at four (4) times the rates specified in paragraph “D” of this Section, provided, however that the surcharge applicable to any “slug” which is introduced into the wastewater system shall be computed at two (2) times the rates specified in paragraph “D” of this Section, if the user shall:

1. Provide the Municipality an opportunity to sample the “slug” no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to its introduction into the wastewater system, and
2. Provide the Municipality with a written “slug” discharge request no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to its introduction into the wastewater system, and
 - a. A brief statement, acceptable to the wastewater Operator, as to the composition of the

“slug”, and

- b. A statement as to the time and rate at which the “slug” will be introduced into the wastewater system,
 - c. In every case, actual laboratory fees shall be assessed to the user to reimburse the Municipality for the cost of handling the laboratory tests for each individual “slug” tested at the request of any user.
- G. Users who have not installed a control manhole and flow recorder, if required under this Article, and a sampling station, on or before the effective date of this Article, shall be assessed a surcharge based on the best estimate of the Wastewater Operator derived from samples taken from the nearest available manhole and estimates of flow.
- H. It shall be the duty of each user to install a suitable control manhole, flow recorder, and all other equipment required under this Article within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Article.
- I. The laboratory analysis required in order to evaluate the samples taken in order to determine the surcharges imposed by this Section shall be performed by the Municipality at no charge whenever possible, but where the Municipality lacks the necessary equipment, users shall pay the cost of all testing which must be done by independent laboratories.
- J. The Wastewater Operator, or any law enforcement officer, for the purpose of enforcing this Article, or abating any nuisance existing hereunder, may enter private premises.
- K. Wastewater system users located outside the corporate limits of the Municipality shall be charged double the surcharge rates set for residents of the Municipality under the classification that the non-residents may be placed. (*Amended by Ord. Nos. 85-6, 09/03/85; 87-09, 07/20/87; 92-13, 09/21/92; 97-01, 02/03/97; 99-24, 09/07/99; 01-08, 07/02/01; 07-09, 09/17/07; 09-09, 09/21/09; 10-10, 08/16/10; 11-19, 08/16/11; 12-19, 09/18/12; 13-07, 09/17/13; 19-08, 09/24/19; 19-16, 11/12/19; 20-05, 08/25/20; 21-08, 08/10/21; 22-06, 08/09/22; 23-12, 08/08/23; 25-15, 9/9/25*)

Section 2. That any other ordinance or section passed and approved prior to the passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force as of October 1, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Abbey L. Pascoe
Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan K. Frye
City Clerk/Human Resources Assistant

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