

ORDINANCE NO. 1986

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER AND SEWER SERVICES OF THE MINICIPALLY OWNED AND OPERATED WASTEWATER UTILITY OF THE CITY OF AUGUSTA; CLASSIFYING THE USERS OF SUCH WASTEWATER AND SEWER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SUCH RATES AND CHARGES AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1935 AND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE FOUR, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, 1991.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, KANSAS.

SECTION 1: Section 443 of Article 4, Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Augusta, Kansas, 1991, is hereby changed and amended to read as follows:

14-443 SEWER SERVICE RATES. The monthly sewer charge for service connections to the public sanitary sewer system of the City shall be based upon the average monthly water usage during the months of December, January and February as rounded to the nearest 1,000 gallons, herein after referred to as the average winter water usage and calculated using the following rates:

A. Inside the City

1. Minimum charge for all individual residential, commercial and industrial billing units contributing sewage to the system shall be \$7.00 per month.
2. Based upon the average winter water usage each billing unit shall pay the following commodity charges per 1,000 gallons per month:
 - a. First 10,000 gallons \$0.61 per 1,000 gallons
 - b. Next 40,000 gallons \$0.72 per 1,000 gallons
 - c. Next 50,000 gallons \$0.77 per 1,000 gallons
 - d. Over 100,000 gallons \$0.88 per 1,000 gallons
3. For calculating the monthly sewer service rates for a building with multiple billing units which share a common water meter and sewer connection and where one customer is billed for all water and sewer service to that building, the rate shall include the minimum charge for each billing unit within the facility and the commodity charge per 1,000 gallon usage based upon the average winter water usage.
4. For the purpose of calculating the commodity charge for sewer customers who are not connected to the City's water system or for those sewer customers where there exists no established average winter water usage, the City will use an average of 6,000 gallons per month.

5. The average winter water usage from which the service fees are based will be adjusted annually on or after April 1.

B. Sewer Capital Fee – Inside the City

1. Each residential, commercial and industrial billing unit with service connections contributing sewage to the system shall pay a monthly sewer capital fee that is to be used toward the retirement of the debt for the wastewater treatment plant, annual costs related to inflow and infiltration maintenance and repairs within the sewer collection system, sewer collection system equipment and a wastewater system capital reserve fund. This monthly fee is in addition to the regular monthly sewer service charges as identified in Section 14-443 (A).
2. The monthly sewer capital fee shall be based upon the average winter water usage as rounded to the nearest even 1,000 gallons. For calculating this monthly fee for sewer customers who are not connected to the City’s water system or for those sewer customers where there exists no established water usage, the City shall use the average of 6,000 per month.
3. Upon determining the average winter water usage, each sewer customer shall be placed within a user class tier and pay the monthly sewer capital fee for that usage tier. The average winter water usage used to determine the sewer capital fee will be reviewed annually and adjusted at the same time the average winter water usage is adjusted for the regular monthly sewer commodity charges.
4. Based upon the average winter water usage, each sewer customer shall pay the following sewer capital fee:

a. Tier One	0 to 5,000 gallons	\$ 15.00
b. Tier Two	5001 to 10,000 gallons	\$ 25.00
c. Tier Three	10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$ 50.00
d. Tier Four	20,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$ 75.00
e. Tier Five	50,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$120.00
f. Tier Six	Over 100,000 gallons	\$180.00
5. The average winter water usage will be used to determine the sewer capital fee for a building with multiple billing units which share a common water meter and sewer connection and where one customer is billed for all water and sewer service to that building.

C. Outside the City

1. Minimum charge for all individual residential, commercial and industrial billing units contributing sewage to the system shall be \$8.50 per month.

2. Based upon the average winter water usage each billing unit shall pay the following commodity charges per 1,000 per gallon per month:
 - a. First 10,000 gallons \$0.72 per 1,000 gallons
 - b. Next 40,000 gallons \$0.83 per 1,000 gallons
 - c. Next 50,000 gallons \$0.88 per 1,000 gallons
 - d. Over 100,000 gallons \$0.99 per 1,000 gallons
3. For calculating the monthly sewer service rates for a building with multiple billing units which share a common water meter and sewer connection and where one customer is billed for all water and sewer service to that building, the rate shall include the minimum charge for each billing unit within the facility and the commodity charge per 1,000 gallon usage based upon the average winter water usage.
4. For the purpose of calculating the commodity charge for sewer customers who are not connected to the City's water system or for those sewer customers where there exists no established average water usage, the City will use an average of 6,000 per month.
5. The average winter water usage from which the service fees are based will be adjusted annually on or after April 1.

D. Sewer Capital Fee – Outside the City

1. Each residential, commercial and industrial billing unit with service connections contributing sewage to the system shall pay a monthly sewer capital fee that is to be used toward the retirement of the debt for the wastewater treatment plant, annual costs related to inflow and infiltration maintenance and repairs within the sewer collection system, sewer collection system equipment and a wastewater system capital reserve fund. This monthly fee is in addition to the regular monthly sewer service charges as identified in Section 14-443 (C).
2. The monthly sewer capital fee shall be based upon the average winter water usage rounded to the nearest even 1,000 gallons. For calculating this monthly fee for sewer customers who are not connected to the City's water system or for those sewer customers where there exists no established water usage, the City shall use the average of 6,000 per month.
3. Upon determining the average winter water usage, each sewer customer shall be placed within a user class tier and pay the monthly sewer capital fee for that usage tier. The average winter water usage used to determine the sewer capital fee will be reviewed annually and adjusted at the same time the average winter water usage is adjusted for the regular monthly sewer commodity charges.
4. Based upon the average winter water usage, each sewer customer shall pay the following sewer capital fee:

a.	Tier One	0 to 5,000 gallons	\$ 18.00
b.	Tier Two	5001 to 10,000 gallons	\$ 30.00
c.	Tier Three	10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$ 60.00
d.	Tier Four	20,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$ 90.00
e.	Tier Five	50,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$145.00
f.	Tier Six	Over 100,000 gallons	\$215.00

5. The average winter water usage will be used to determine the sewer capital fee for a building with multiple billing units which share a common water meter and sewer connection and where one customer is billed for all water and sewer service to that building.

SECTION 2. That the rates and charges, including the minimum charges set forth above, shall become effective and apply to all sewer system services billed on or after August 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS. All provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Augusta, Kansas, 1991, shall be amended only insofar as to reflect the above changes.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Augusta, Kansas, on the 20th day of July, 2009.

/s/Kristey Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Erica L. Jones, City Clerk