

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, November 2, 2015

Regular Meeting

Item Resolut.2

Council to consider an Ordinance amending the utility rates.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE SEWER USER FEES AT CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE 6, AMENDING AND CHANGING THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES AT CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE 6, AND WATER SERVICE FEES AT CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE 6, REPEALING SECTION 6-6-25, REPEALING PRIOR PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY PAMPHLET FORM AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA.

Section 1. Section 6-6-23 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:
6-6-23. Residential.

The minimum monthly charges for collection and disposal service to residential units for solid waste, the single stream recycling program and designated yard waste, all of which must be contained in approved containers, effective for all billings made on and after January 1, 2016 shall be as follows:

One-family unit (including mobile homes with an individual water or sewer connection)	\$20.64
One-family two container unit (including mobile homes with an individual water or sewer connection)	\$47.20
The minimum requirement for one-family two container units is twelve months from the date of request for two container service	
Multifamily structures (including mobile home parks with a single water or sewer connection) Rate Per Unit	
2 to 4 units.....	20.64
5 to 6 units.....	18.55
7 to 10 units.....	17.53
11 to 16 units.....	16.50
17 to 39 units.....	15.44
40 to 59 units.....	14.41
60 or more units	13.42

Hotels, motels and rooming houses shall be considered as commercial establishments and shall pay charges based on the charges provided for institutional business, commercial and industrial establishments as provided in this Chapter. The charges for quantities or services which exceed those covered by the minimum charge shall be an amount equal to the reasonable cost of the service as determined by the City Manager or the designee of the City Manager.

The rates and fees provided in this section shall be effective with respect to usage for which billings are made on or after January 1, 2016.

Section 2. Section 6-6-24 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:
6-6-24. Institutional; business; commercial; industrial.

(a) The monthly charges for collection and disposal of solid waste of institutional, business, commercial and industrial establishments, and solid waste in required containers at construction sites, shall be based upon the number of approved containers collected per collection. Where an establishment has its own water or sewer connection, the fact that it shares a building with another establishment, or does not occupy the entire building, shall be of no significance. The charge per approved container per collection shall, effective for all billings made on and after January 1, 2015 be as follows:

	Each time container is emptied	Monthly minimum
90 gallon	\$ 10.67	\$ 42.68
1.5 cubic yard	14.23	56.92
3.0 cubic yard	27.08	108.32

The rates and fees provided in this section shall be effective with respect to usage for which billings are made on or after January 1, 2016.

Section 3. Section 6-6-25 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

6-6-25. Yard Waste Container Charge.

This section of the Municipal Code is repealed by Ordinance # _____ effective as of midnight December 31, 2015 and until that date those containers designated for yard waste shall be sold by the City at the following rate:

90 gallon.....\$80.00 plus tax/each

Section 4. Section 6-6-26.1 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

6-6-26.1. Recyclable materials.

1. The monthly fee for the single stream recycling program, beginning January 1, 2016, will be included in the monthly Residential fee set forth in the Municipal Code at section 6-6-23. Until that date the fee will be \$4.00 per month. The single stream recyclable material will be collected in a container provided by the City.
2. Every person who shall dispose of an appliance at any disposal site of the City shall pay a charge of \$20.00 per appliance.
3. The fee for the Gaylord (cardboard) containers shall be \$20.00 per month.
4. The rates and fees provided in this section shall be effective with respect to the usage for which billings are made on or after December 1, 2012.

Section 5. Section 6-6-28 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

6-6-28. Water service.

- (1) Each user of the City water system located within the City limits shall pay charges based on bimonthly consumption as follows:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Rate per Thousand Gallons</u>
Up to 10,000	\$2.216
10,001 to 20,000	1.803
20,001 to 60,000	1.796
60,001 to 100,000	1.775
Over 100,000	1.758

Consumption of any part of 1,000 gallons shall be considered as consumption of an entire 1,000 gallons for purposes of calculating consumption and the applicable rate(s).

- (2) Each user of the City water system located within the City limits shall pay minimum bimonthly charges as follows:

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallons</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$22.16	10,000
1"	40.19	20,000
1½"	76.11	40,000
2"	103.05	55,000
3"	165.25	90,000
4"	253.35	140,000
6"	358.88	200,000
8"	534.63	300,000

Payment of the minimum charge shall constitute payment in full for any quantity of water not exceeding the amount shown in the "Gallons" column opposite the applicable "Minimum Charge." In the case of premises as to which the final date for connection of the plumbing has been deferred under section 22-1-8, there shall be a bimonthly charge for standby fire protection service of \$6.00.

Each user of the City water system located outside of the City limits, except for whole sale water use provided by the City pursuant to the terms of an agreement, shall pay the following:

For the first twenty (20) years of service through the City water system located outside the City limits 2 times the minimum charges listed above
For 21-25 years 1.75 times the minimum charges listed above
For 26 years and over..... 1.5 times the minimum charges listed above
Provided, wholesale water use and sale shall be sold at an agreed upon amount as set by the City Council for charges outside the City limits. Provided further, users of the City water system that are serviced by the airport water line shall pay double, or 2 times the minimum charges listed above.

The rates and fees provided for in this section shall be effective with respect to all connections, installations, and usage on or after January 1, 2016.

Section 8. Existing Sections 6-6-23, 6-6-24, 6-6-25, 6-6-26.1, and 6-6-28, of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code are hereby repealed, provided however that the rates provided for in such prior sections shall remain effective until midnight, December 31, 2015. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances passed and approved and in conflict herewith are now repealed. This Ordinance shall not be construed to effect any cause of action, civil or criminal, existing or actions pending, at the time this Ordinance becomes effective.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and shall become effective January 1, 2016.

PASSED and APPROVED on _____, 2015.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk (Seal)

Approved as to Form:

Deputy City Attorney