

BILL NO. 21-15

ORDINANCE NO. 4.553

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.110.570 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI LEVYING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND COMMODITY RATE CHARGES IN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 250.233 RSMo., notice of a public hearing regarding proposed sewer rate changes in the City was provided by newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, a public hearing was held on the proposed sewer rate changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the proposed sewer rate changes as provided in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 6.110.570 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gladstone, Missouri is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 6.110.570 Sewer Service Charges and Commodity Charges.

There is hereby levied a charge against every person occupying property having a sewer connection with the city sewer system or having sewers available for connection, or otherwise, discharging sewage, industrial waste, water or other liquid into the city's sewer system, such charge to be used to pay the cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, or enlarging the existing or future sewer systems. Such charge is to be the sum of a monthly service charge and a commodity rate charge to be computed and levied as follows:

- (a) Domestic Users. For residential water service accounts (one and two-family residences), a monthly service charge and a commodity rate charge each as established in subsection (c) of this section, except, that for the billing periods April through December, the commodity rate charge shall be based upon the lesser of actual water used or an average of water used during the winter period of December, January, and February, billed in January, February, and March, such charges shall be payable with each bill rendered throughout the year. Where residential water service accounts do not have an acceptable history of winter water use, the commodity rate charge for the period April through November shall be the commodity rate charge established in subsection (c) of this section, or eighty dollars and thirty-six cents (\$80.36) per monthly billing, whichever is the lesser.
- (b) Commercial and Industrial Users. For commercial and industrial users (all persons and corporations other than the occupants of one and two-family residences), a monthly service charge and a commodity rate charge as established in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Charges

- (1) A monthly service charge of \$15.26.
- (2) A commodity rate charge based on the total volume of water purchased by the customer during the billing period of \$10.85 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. The Sewer Service Charge and Commodity Rate Charges as set forth in this ordinance are effective June 1, 2021.

SECTION 3. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision hereof is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2021.



Mayor R.D. Mallams

Attest:



Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

First Reading: May 10, 2021

Second Reading: May 10, 2021



Request for Council Action

RES # City Clerk Only

BILL # 21-15 and 21-16

ORD # 4.553 and 4.554

Date: 5/3/2021

Department: Choose Department

Meeting Date Requested: 5/10/2021

Public Hearing: Yes Date: 5/10/2021

Subject: Water and Sewer Rate Changes

Background: During the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget Open Study Session, staff discussed the need to adjust the water and sewer rates. The proposed water rate would increase \$.15 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.90. The monthly administration charge would stay the same at \$9.27 per month. Both per thousand gallon and administration fees will be increased for Sewer, as the fee structure from Kansas City drives the cost. The per 1,000 gallon charge will change from \$9.92 to \$10.85 per 1,000 gallons. The administration charge will change from \$14.40 to \$15.26 per month.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$ [Click here to enter amount](#) from the Choose a Fund Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$ [Click here to enter amount](#) annually. Previous years' funding was \$ [Click here to enter amount](#)

Public/Board/Staff Input: After analysis of the needs of the CWSS Fund, the budget team is recommending increasing both water and sewer rates for the City of Gladstone, Missouri. With the pandemic winding down and citizens returning to the workplace, staff is projecting a decline in usage for the 2022 fiscal year. To be able to fund operations, repayment of debt, and capital outlay, staff is recommending an increase in water usage of \$.15 per thousand gallons. That would change the water rate from \$4.75 to \$4.90 per thousand gallons. The monthly administration fee would stay the same at \$9.27. Charges for water have not been adjusted since 2018. The City received notification from KC Water that charges for sewer treatment would be effective May 1, 2021. The new sewer charges (in-line with the changes from KC Water) will be \$10.85 per thousand gallons with a monthly administration charge of \$15.26. This is an increase of \$.93 per thousand gallons and \$.86 in the monthly administration charge. For customers that use 5,000 gallons of water and 4,000 gallons of sewage, the monthly payment would increase \$5.31 per month from \$87.10 to \$92.41.

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Dominic Accurso
Department Director/Administrator

JM
City Attorney

SW
City Manager

RCA DUE TO CITY CLERK WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM