

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 June 9, 2025, 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 ninety-seven dollars and two cents (\$97.02) 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 \$18.18.
 - (2) A commodity rate charge based on the total volume of water purchased by the customer during the billing period of \$13.14 per 1,000 gallons.

BILL NO. 25-15

ORDINANCE NO. 4.699

SECTION 2. Effective Date. The Sewer Service Charge and Commodity Rate Charges as set forth in this ordinance are effective July 1, 2025.

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 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.



Mayor Les Smith

ATTEST:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

1st Reading: June 9, 2025

2nd Reading: June 9, 2025



Request for Council Action

RES ☐ # City Clerk Only

BILL ☒ # 25-15 & 25-16

ORD ☒ # 4.699 & 4.700

Date: 6/4/2025

Department: Finance

Meeting Date Requested: 6/9/2025

Public Hearing: Yes ☒ Date: 6/9/2025

Subject: Water and Sewer Rate Changes

Background: Each year, the budget team and Director of Public Works take the opportunity to discuss past and current performance, revenues, and expenditures for the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund (CWSS). Items that are taken into consideration to calculate the cost to provide water and sewer services are water usage, personnel, supplies, services, payments for debt, and capital needs. The City produces water from their wells, and Kansas City Water handles the sewer treatment.

Budget Discussion: N/A

Public/Board/Staff Input: After analysis of the needs of the CWSS fund, the budget team is recommending a change in the water usage fee of \$0.26 per month (per 1,000 gallons) from \$5.10 to \$5.36. The water service charge of \$10.25 per month will remain unchanged. Staff received notification from KC Water that the charges for sewer treatment would increase effective May 1, 2025 by 6%. To keep revenues and expenditures in-line for the fund, staff is recommending a corresponding increase to the monthly usage fee of 6%. This would result in a change in the per 1,000-gallon fee of \$.74 per 1,000 of usage to \$13.14 per 1,000 gallons (increases are in-line with changes from KC Water). For customers with average usage of 5,000 gallons of water and 4,000 gallons of sewage, the monthly payment would increase \$4.25 from \$103.53 per month to \$107.78.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Matt Dayton
Department Director/Administrator

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City Attorney

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City Manager