

	Reference	Recommended	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
7) Months Expense in Street Cash Reserve	Pages 16 & 18	12.0	18.5	11.9	26.1	19.0	10.2
8) Levy Rates							
General		0.39	0.337988	0.296141	0.315108	0.314005	0.334228
		\$315/Capita	\$ 429	\$ 343	\$ 309	\$ 304	\$ 306
Debt Service		0.1	0.072691	0.015184	0.017810	0.017448	0.051114
		\$84/Capita	\$ 92	\$ 18	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 47
Total Levy			0.410679	0.311325	0.332918	0.331453	0.385342
9) Net Depreciable Capital Assets/Original Cost							
Governmental Activities	Page 41	> 35%	48.78%	49.93%	53.21%	56.90%	58.92%
Business-type Activities	Page 42	> 35%	55.03%	50.55%	54.16%	57.94%	61.29%
Component Unit	Page 43	> 35%	31.92%	35.31%	36.87%	41.79%	30.69%
10) Operating Income/Total Operating Revenue							
Water Fund	Page 21	15.00%	-28.47%	-13.80%	-23.00%	-42.27%	-9.09%
Sewer Fund		15.00%	-17.78%	-5.65%	13.80%	11.32%	6.76%
Solid Waste Fund		5.00%	14.36%	13.72%	6.14%	-7.12%	2.58%
11) Debt Coverage Ratio							
Water	Pages 21-22	1.50	0.17	1.12	0.73	(0.54)	1.51
Sewer		1.50	0.20	0.89	1.06	0.98	1.07
12) Cash, Investments & Treasurer Cash							
General Fund:	Pages 16 & 18						
Operating		665,000					
Replacement		190,000					
(Budgetary stabilization = \$210,422)		855,000	51,150	-	127,926	411,693	536,948
Business-type Activities (Excluding Depreciation/Amortization)	Pages 20-21						
Operating		470,000					
Replacement		-					
Restricted		286,469					
		756,469	744,811	1,316,099	1,107,956	1,061,225	1,267,497

NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
WATER RATE STUDY FOR CITY OF ALBION

Jun-26

Water Rates

Suggested Rate: Monthly minimum \$36.80/Bi-Monthly + \$14.75per thousand C.F.

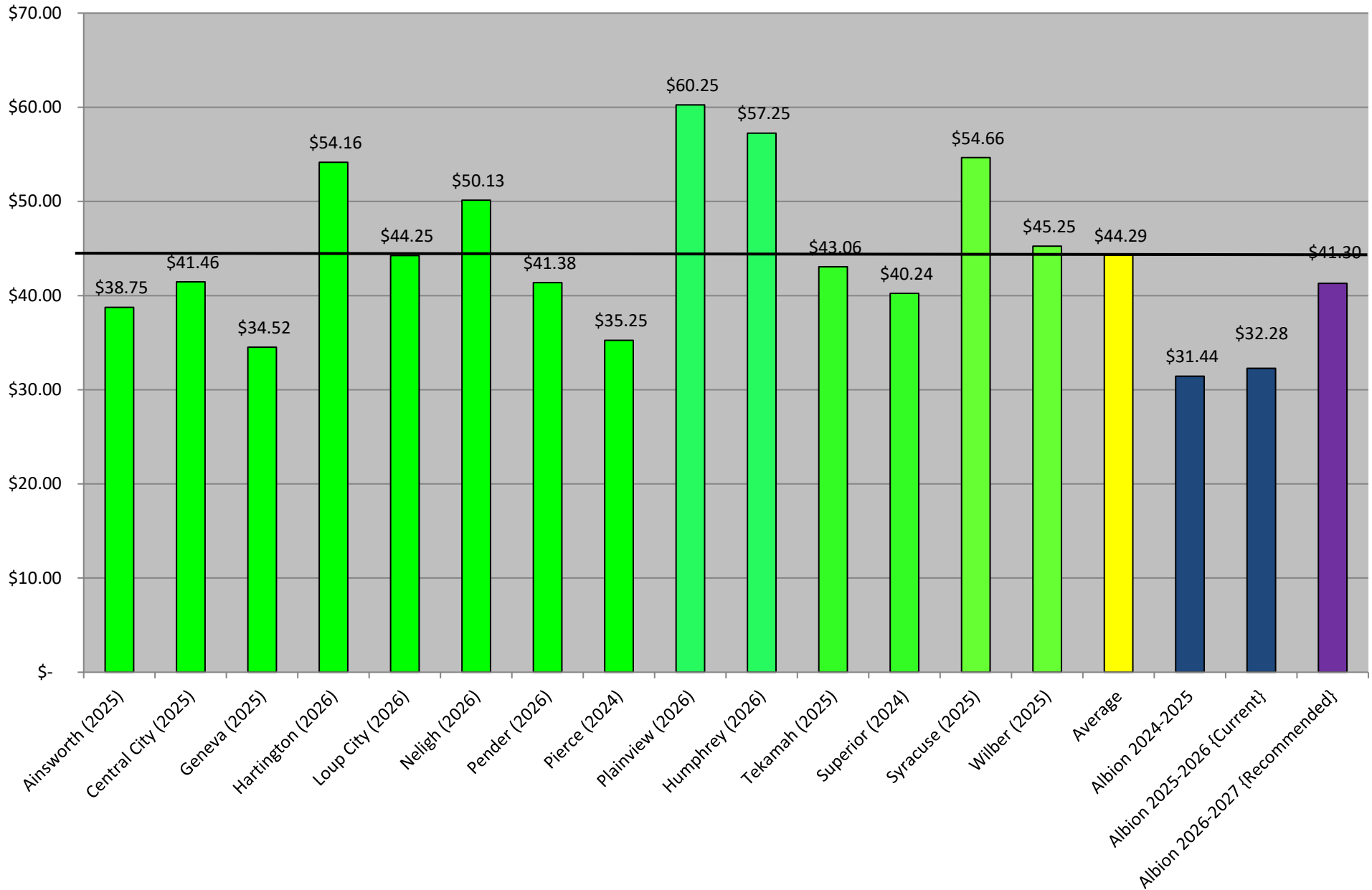
	Number of units	Price	Annual Revenue
Income from minimums	858	\$36.80	\$189,446.40
Income from Non-Res	7	\$73.60	\$619.50
Water sold at \$14.75	11,700	\$14.75	\$172,582.08
Water sold at \$29.50	446	\$29.50	\$13,157.00
Testing Fee	910	\$1.50	\$8,190.00
Total Revenue:			\$383,994.98

Water Rate Comparison

Data provided by Nebraska Rural Water Association in 2026

System	Monthly Minimum	Price per 1,000 Gallons	Average Monthly Bill	Population
Ainsworth (2025)	\$ 15.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 38.75	1616
Central City (2025)	\$ 21.70	\$ 1.70	\$ 41.46	2998
Geneva (2025)	\$ 16.50	\$ 1.55	\$ 34.52	2226
Hartington (2026)	\$ 28.00	\$ 2.25	\$ 54.16	1517
Loup City (2026)	\$ 21.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 44.25	1053
Neligh (2026)	\$ 17.00	\$ 2.85	\$ 50.13	1536
Pender (2026)	\$ 29.75	\$ 1.00	\$ 41.38	1115
Pierce (2024)	\$ 12.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 35.25	1845
Plainview (2026)	\$ 37.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 60.25	1282
Humphrey (2026)	\$ 34.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 57.25	905
Tekamah (2025)	\$ 14.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 43.06	1714
Superior (2024)	\$ 13.50	\$ 2.30	\$ 40.24	2055
Syracuse (2025)	\$ 28.50	\$ 2.25	\$ 54.66	1940
Wilber (2025)	\$ 22.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 45.25	1937
Average	\$ 22.18	\$ 2.03	\$ 44.29	1696
Albion 2024-2025	\$ 14.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 31.44	1740
Albion 2025-2026 {Current}	\$ 14.38	\$ 1.54	\$ 32.28	1750
Albion 2026-2027 {Recommended}	\$ 18.40	\$ 1.97	\$ 41.30	1750
Monthly Deviation from Average (Current)	\$ (3.78) per month	\$ (0.06) per gallon	\$ (2.99) per month	-3

Average Monthly Water Bill



NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
SEWER RATE STUDY FOR CITY OF ALBION

Jun-26

Sewer Rates

Suggested Rate: Monthly minimum \$40.00/Bi-Monthly + \$22.50 per thousand C.F.

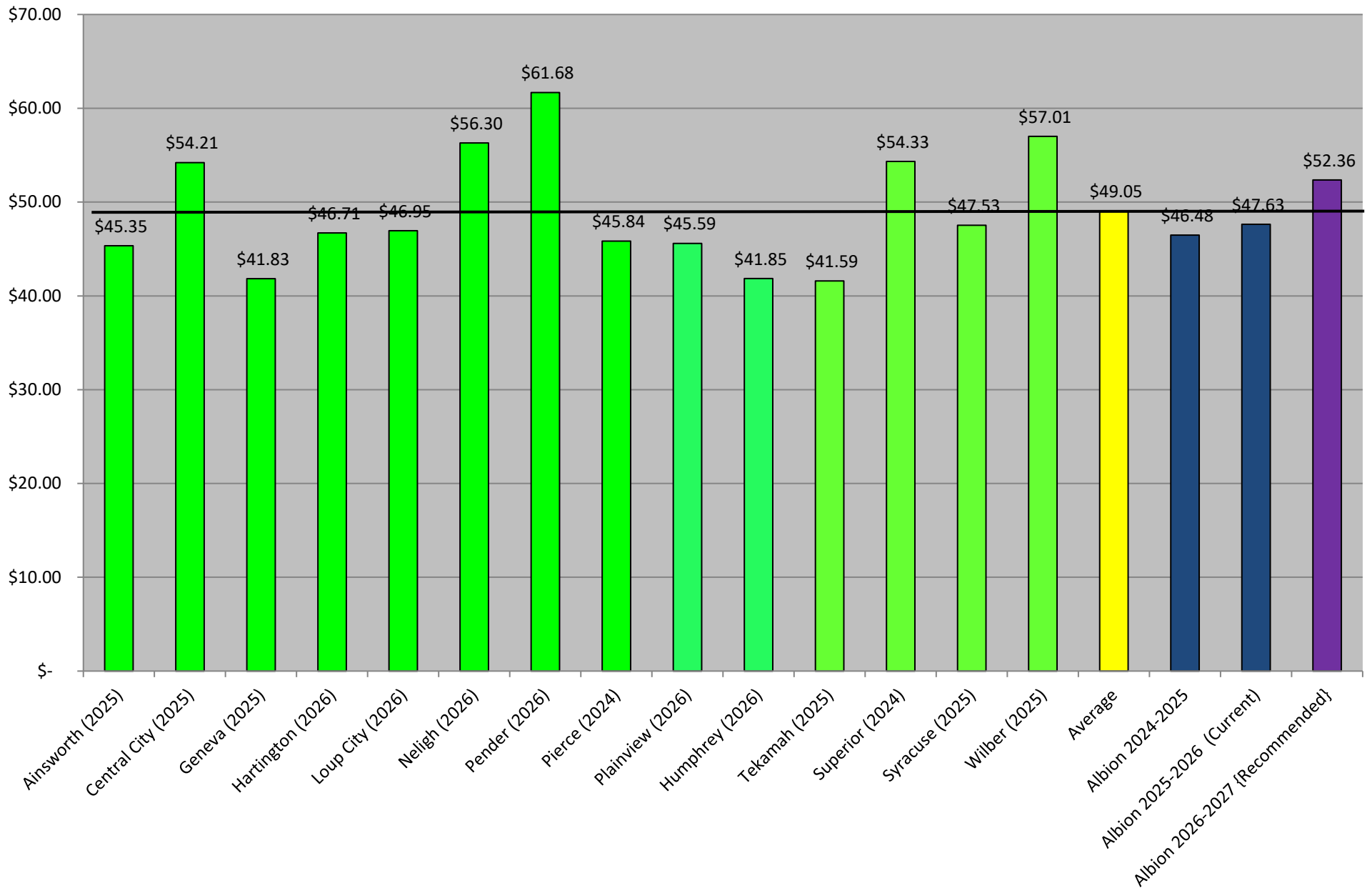
	Number of units	Price	Annual Revenue
Income from minimums	858	\$40.00	\$411,840.00
Income from Non-Res	3	\$80.00	\$2,880.00
Sewer sold at \$22.50	7,250	\$22.50	\$163,125.00
Sewer sold at \$45.00	100	\$45.00	\$4,500.00
Total Revenue:			\$582,345.00

Sewer Rate Comparison

Data provided by Nebraska Rural Water Association in 2026

System	Monthly Minimum	Price per 1,000 Gallons	Average Monthly Bill	Population
Ainsworth (2025)	\$ 31.00	\$ 2.30	\$ 45.35	1616
Central City (2025)	\$ 33.00	\$ 3.40	\$ 54.21	2998
Geneva (2025)	\$ 22.50	\$ 3.10	\$ 41.83	2226
Hartington (2026)	\$ 28.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 46.71	1517
Loup City (2026)	\$ 22.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 46.95	1053
Neligh (2026)	\$ 22.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 56.30	1536
Pender (2026)	\$ 57.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 61.68	1115
Pierce (2024)	\$ 29.00	\$ 2.70	\$ 45.84	1845
Plainview (2026)	\$ 30.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 45.59	1282
Humphrey (2026)	\$ 30.00	\$ 1.90	\$ 41.85	905
Tekamah (2025)	\$ 26.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 41.59	1714
Superior (2024)	\$ 33.75	\$ 3.30	\$ 54.33	2055
Syracuse (2025)	\$ 31.00	\$ 2.65	\$ 47.53	1940
Wilber (2025)	\$ 30.00	\$ 4.33	\$ 57.01	1937
Average	\$ 30.38	\$ 3.00	\$ 49.05	1696
Albion 2024-2025	\$ 33.00	\$ 2.64	\$ 46.48	1740
Albion 2025-2026 (Current)	\$ 34.00	\$ 2.67	\$ 47.63	1750
Albion 2026-2027 {Recommended}	\$ 40.00	\$ 3.01	\$ 52.36	1750
Monthly Deviation from Average (Current)	\$ 1.63 per month	\$ (0.43) per gallon	\$ (3.91) per month	-3

Average Monthly Sewer Bill



ORDINANCE NO. 349 (26)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA, SETTING UTILITY RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is best to establish the rates in one ordinance for all utilities – water, sewer and solid waste;

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council have determined that water, sewer, and solid waste rates shall be reviewed annually in July and/or August and, if necessary, adjusted by ordinance until a subsequent ordinance is passed by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council have determined that the Consumer Price Index rate on July 1st of each year, survey data provided by the Nebraska Rural Water Association, and actual cost of operation for each utility shall be considered when reviewing and adjusting these rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS”

Section 1: That the following rates are established as the utility rates for the City of Albion effective October 1, 2026:

1. WATER – Attachment #1
2. SEWER – Attachment #2
3. GARBAGE – Attachment #3

Section 2: These rates shall be reviewed annually in July or August, and shall continue to be the rates until a subsequent ordinance, passed by the City Council, changes any of the rates.

Section 3: This ordinance shall go into full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

INTRODUCED BY: _____;

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF July, 2026.

PUBLISHED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2026.

CITY OF ALBION, NEBRASKA

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk (Seal)

Ord 349(26) Utility Rates Effective October 1, 2026

{First Reading, July 21, 2026}
{Suspension of Rules, July 21, 2026}
{Second and Third Reading, July 21, 2026}
{Final Passage and Approval, July 21, 2026}

WATER RATES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS SHALL BE:

Bi-Monthly Flat Fee: \$36.80 ; plus,
Usage: \$14.75 per 1000 cubic feet used.

WATER RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS SHALL BE:

Bi-Monthly Flat Fee: \$73.60 ; plus,
Usage: \$29.50 per 1000 cubic feet used.

BULK WATER SALES:

Rate \$15.50 per 1000 Gallons
Minimum Charge: \$10.00 for 500 Gallons or less
Water Commissioner, at his discretion, may waive fees for bulk water sales, in nonrecurring, emergency situations.

WATER TESTING & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS SURCHARGE

Surcharge per meter in service \$1.50 per billing.

Revenue received from the water testing and improvements surcharge shall be used for water testing as mandated by the State of Nebraska and the Federal Government, and for all other testing deemed necessary for the safe operation of the city waterworks system. These surcharges may also be utilized to fund city water improvement projects.

The City Council may, when deemed prudent, provide for the refunding of the unused testing revenues to the consumer. The manner and type of refund shall be determined by the resolution of the City Council.

The water testing and improvements surcharge shall be considered part of the water rates of the City of Albion, and failure to pay the surcharge shall be treated the same as other delinquent utility bills.

Passed and approved this 21st day of July 2026

James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Devine, City Clerk

SEWER USE FEES WITHIN CITY LIMITS:

Bi-Monthly Flat Fee: \$80.00 ; plus,
Usage: \$22.50 per 1000 cubic feet based upon the amount of water used during the
December/January billing cycle.

SEWER USE FEES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

Bi-Monthly Flat Fee: \$160.00 ; plus,
Usage: \$45.00 per 1000 cubic feet based upon the amount of water used during the
December/January billing cycle.

All water-cooled cooling units shall be charged a one-hundred percent (100%) surcharge to the (Feb-Mar), (Apr-May), (Jun-Jul), (Aug-Sep), (Oct-Nov) Bi-monthly billings if said discharge is wasted into the sanitary sewer system.

Those customers with no outside watering facilities shall be charged on the basis of each bi-monthly water use.

WASTE WATER TESTING & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS SURCHARGE

Surcharge per meter in service \$1.00 per billing.

Revenue received from the waste water testing and improvements surcharge shall be used for waste water testing as mandated by the State of Nebraska and the Federal Government, and for all other testing deemed necessary for the safe operation of the city sewerage system. These surcharges may also be utilized to fund city sewer improvement projects.

The City Council may, when deemed prudent, provide for the refunding of the unused testing revenues to the consumer. The manner and type of refund shall be determined by the resolution of the City Council.

The waste water testing and improvements surcharge shall be considered part of the sewer rates of the City of Albion, and failure to pay the surcharge shall be treated the same as other delinquent utility bills.

DETERMINATION OF EQUITABLE RATES

The City Council may, by resolution, when it determines that the application of the sewer use charges imposed by the section upon a given customer would not be equitable when compared to other customers, adjust said customer's rate; provided, such customer provides information, satisfactory to the City Council, that such customer's use of the municipal sewer system can be determined. In such case, it shall be the customer's responsibility to provide the City Council with a satisfactory means of measuring sewage flows and obtaining representative samples of the customer's sewage for analysis.

No one shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, service water, ground water, roof runoff, foundation drainage, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters or any water from a private well into the city sanitary sewer system without permission of the City Council of the City of Albion, Nebraska. The City Council may, by resolution, determine that the application of the sewer use charges imposed by this action upon a given customer would not be equitable when compared to the other customers. The City can adjust said customer's rate as set out in determination of equitable rates above.

Passed and approved this 21st day of July 2026.

James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Devine, City Clerk

Monthly Garbage Rates**RESIDENTIAL RATES: (ONCE PER WEEK PICK-UP)**

\$18.00 per operational residential water meter 4%
 \$14.00 per senior citizen (discounted for 65 years or over - Upon Request)
 \$10.25 per additional contractor supplied container

COMMERCIAL RATES

SIZE	RATE PER PICKUP PER WEEK	DISCOUNT - CUSTOMER OWNED DUMPSTERS
TOTE*	\$25.50	N/A
1 yard	\$27.50	\$7.00
1.5 yard	\$41.25	\$10.00
2 yard	\$55.00	\$13.00
3 yard	\$82.25	\$20.00
4 yard	\$109.75	\$27.00
6 yard	\$140.25	\$40.00
8 yard	\$187.00	\$53.00

Additional contractor supplied totes may be obtained for \$10.25 per additional tote, per pickup, per week.
 Dumpsters may be required based on specific needs.

APARTMENT SERVICE: (ONCE PER WEEK PICK-UP)

UNITS	1 TOTE	2 TOTES	3 TOTES
1-2	\$ 25.50	\$ 35.75	\$ 45.75
3-4	\$ 35.75	\$ 45.75	\$ 56.00
5-6	\$ 45.75	\$ 56.00	\$ 66.00

* Apartments needing dumpsters will be charged commercial dumpster rates.

Passed and approved this 21st day of July 2026

James Jarecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Devine, City Clerk