

ORDINANCE NO. 179, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
FORT COLLINS TO REVISE WASTEWATER RATES, FEES AND
CHARGES

A. The City Council is empowered and directed by City Charter Article XII, Section 6, by ordinance from time to time, to fix, establish, maintain and provide for the collection of such rates, fees or charges for utility services furnished by the City as will produce revenues sufficient to pay the costs, expenses, and other obligations as set forth therein.

B. The rates, fees or charges for utility services set forth herein are necessary to produce sufficient revenues to provide the utility services described herein.

C. The revenue from the rates, fees or charges for utility services set forth herein shall be used to defray the costs of providing such utility services as required by the Charter and the City Code.

D. Article IV, Chapter 26 of the City Code establishes the wastewater utility as a utility service furnished by and as an enterprise of the City.

E. City Code Sections 26-280 and 26-282 concern various wastewater-related rates, fees, and charges.

F. City Code Section 26-277 requires that the City Manager analyze the operating and financial records of the utility during each calendar year and recommend to the City Council user rates or adjustments to be in effect for the following year.

G. The City Manager has recommended to the City Council adjustment of the wastewater-related rates, fees, and charges as set forth herein to be effective January 1, 2026.

H. This Ordinance increases the subject wastewater rates by six percent (6%).

I. This Ordinance does not increase wastewater rates for the fund as a whole, although there are variations for individual customer rates classes based on recent cost-of-service model updates.

J. Based on the foregoing, City Council desires to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code to adjust the scope and rate of the wastewater-related rates, fees, and charges as set forth herein.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Section 26-280 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-280. - Service charges established by category.

The schedule of rates for each category described in § 26-279 shall be as follows:

Category	Class of Customer	Rate	Component Charge	Billed Charge (with PILOT)
A	Single-family residential user (flat rate)	Per month	\$49.19	\$52.15
	Single-family residential user (metered water use)	1. Per month (base)	\$21.98	\$23.30
		2. Plus, per 1,000 gallons per month (volumetric)	\$4.271	\$4.528
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		Note: 1. For single family customers who have not yet established a winter quarter water use at the service address, a system average of 4,000 gallons per month shall be billed. 2. After establishment of a winter quarter water use at the service address, the monthly amount billed shall be based on a minimum of 3,000 gallons per month.		
	Duplex (two-family) residential	1. Per month (base)	\$69.14	\$73.29
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B	users (flat rate)			
	Duplex (two-family) residential users (metered water use)	1. Per month (base)	\$25.60	\$27.13
		2. Plus, per 1,000 gallons per month, to be calculated on a monthly basis (volumetric)	\$3.844	\$4.074
		...	...	...
		Note: 1. For duplex customers who have not yet established a winter quarter water use at the service address, including new construction, a system average 6,200 gallons shall be billed. A change in ownership will continue to be billed on winter quarter average currently in effect. 2. After establishment of a winter quarter use at the service address, the monthly amount billed shall be based on a minimum of 4,000 gallons per month.		
C	Multi-family residential user (more than two dwelling units including mobile home parks) and winter quarter based nonresidential user	1. Base charge per month per dwelling unit served (base)	\$3.46	\$3.66
		2. Plus, per 1,000 gallons per month (volumetric)	\$4.396	\$4.659
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		Note: 1. For multi-family customers who have not yet established a winter quarter water use at the service address, including new construction, a system average of 3,200 gallons per living unit shall be billed. A change in ownership will continue to be billed on		

		winter quarter average currently in effect. However, Category D rates will apply to multi-family residential units under construction during the period of service from the installation of the water meter to the date the certificate of occupancy is issued. 2. After establishment of a water quarter use at the service address, the monthly amount billed shall be per 1,000 gallons of winter quarter water use, calculated on a monthly basis.		
D	Minor nonresidential user	1. Per 1,000 gallons of water use, measured sewage flow or winter quarter water use, whichever is applicable, to be calculated on a monthly basis, plus the following applicable base charge:	\$4.146	\$4.395
		2. Size of water meter (inches)	Base charge	
		¾ or smaller	\$11.97	\$12.68
		1	\$27.62	\$29.27
		1½	\$55.58	\$58.91
		2	\$95.10	\$100.81
		3	\$151.98	\$161.10
		4	\$240.01	\$254.41
		6	\$1,052.11	\$1,115.24
		8	\$1,214.83	\$1,287.72
		Note:		

		1. For minor nonresidential customers who have not yet established a winter quarter water use at the service address, a system average of 6,000 gallons per month shall be billed.		
E and F	Intermediate nonresidential user and Significant industrial user	User shall pay an amount calculated to include:		
		1. Rate per 1,000 gallons of water use, measured wastewater flow or winter quarter water use per month, whichever is applicable;	\$4.146	\$4.395
		2. PLUS a surcharge per million gallons for each milligram per liter of suspended solids in excess of 235 milligrams per liter;	\$4.822	\$5.112
		3. PLUS a surcharge based on the following criteria, whichever is applicable:		
		a. per million gallons for each milligram per liter of BOD in excess of 265 milligrams per liter; or	\$4.019	\$4.260
		b. per million gallons for each milligram per liter of COD in excess of 400 milligrams per liter; or	\$2.536	\$2.688
		c. per million gallons for each milligram per liter of TOC in excess of 130 milligrams per liter.	\$7.507	\$7.958

		The user shall pay the calculated amount based on 1, 2 and 3 above, plus the applicable base charge set forth below:		
		<i>Size of water meter (inches)</i>	<i>Base charge</i>	
		¾ or smaller	\$11.97	\$12.68
		1	\$27.62	\$29.27
		1½	\$55.58	\$58.91
		2	\$95.10	\$100.81
		3	\$151.98	\$161.10
		4	\$240.01	\$254.41
		6	\$1,052.11	\$1,115.24
		8	\$1,214.83	\$1,287.72
		Note: 1. For intermediate and significant nonindustrial customers who have not yet established a winter quarter water use at the service address, a system average of 6,000 gallons per month shall be billed.		
G	User outside City limits	The rate for users outside the City limits shall be the same as for like service inside the City limits as is specified in Categories A—F and H in this Section.		
H	Special with agreement	The rate pursuant to a special wastewater services agreement approved by the City		

		Council pursuant to § 26-290 shall be set forth in said agreement.	
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Section 2. Section 26-282(a) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-282. - Wastewater strength or industrial surcharges and categories established.

(a) A monthly wastewater strength surcharge shall be paid by customers located either inside or outside the City limits in accordance with the following schedule:

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Excess over (mg/l)</i>	<i>Rate per thousand gallons</i>	<i>Billed Charge (with PILOT)</i>
BOD	355	\$0.004347	\$0.004608
COD	540	\$0.002857	\$0.003028
TOC	170	\$0.009076	\$0.009621
TSS	365	\$0.004374	\$0.004636

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Section 3. The rate modifications set forth above shall be effective for meter readings on or after January 1, 2026, and in the case of rates and surcharges not based on meter readings, shall be effective for all rates and surcharges paid on or after January 1, 2026.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on November 3, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on November 18, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Sr. Deputy City Clerk

Effective Date: November 28, 2025

Approving Attorney: Eric Potyondy

Exhibit: None