



**CITY OF KOTZEBUE  
RESOLUTION NO. 25-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE SETTING  
REVISED / UPDATED / RECALCULATED WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES  
AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE 25-02, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025.**

**WHEREAS,** Ordinance 25-02, passed and approved on April 3, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference herein, required the water, sewer and garbage rates assumed in that Ordinance to be revised / updated / recalculated;

**WHEREAS,** these revisions, updates and recalculations are required, *inter alia*, to correct errors in earlier rates for water, sewer and garbage services and to take into account the Northwest Arctic Borough Community Utility Assistance Program monies received for this year;

**WHEREAS,** these revisions, updates and recalculations are necessary to implement in part the rate study recommendations; and,

**WHEREAS,** these revisions, updates and recalculations are also necessary to keep the City-provided utility services financially viable and eligible for grant and assistance for state and federal agencies. .

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Kotzebue revises / updates / recalculates the City-provided water, sewer and garbage rates as set forth in Exhibit “B” attached hereto, effective June 1, 2025.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue, Alaska, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

**CITY OF KOTZEBUE**

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Derek Haviland-Lie Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

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Lorraine Hunnicutt Acting City Clerk

Attachments: Exhibit A, Ordinance 25-02 [2 pages]  
Exhibit B, Water, Sewer and Garbage Rates, effective June 1, 2025 [5 pages]  
Supplemental Information for Resolution 25-23 Utility Rate Options [2 pages]



CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-02

**[See, annotation at the bottom of Page 2 of 2]**

ENTITLED: "A NON-CODE ORDINANCE RESCINDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 24-07 AND IN ITS STEAD ADOPTING THIS BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA *NUNC PRO TUNC* FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ("CY") JANUARY 1, 2025 TO ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025."


BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA:

- Section 1.** This is a Non-Code Ordinance pursuant to the Kotzebue Municipal Code ("KMC") sections 1.12.020(4), 3.04.060 and 3.04.070.
- Section 2.** The City Council was unable to hold its usual two-day Budget Retreat in Kotzebue in October due to exigent circumstances. Therefore, a CY2025 Budget was adopted by Ordinance 24-07, passed December 5, 2024, which was a place-holder budget based upon and mimicking the City's CY2024 Budget until the City Council was able to hold a Budget Retreat on January 6 and 7, 2025.
- Section 3.** As a result of that Budget Retreat and with the diligent, hard work of the City's Finance Director and Finance Department, a full, complete budget for CY2025 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein was prepared for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
- Section 4.** Therefore, the place-holder budget passed by Ordinance 24-07, dated December 5, 2024, is hereby rescinded and replaced in whole with Exhibit "A" which shall *nunc pro tunc* serve as the City of Kotzebue's Budget for CY2025.

**Section 5.** Pursuant to the Kotzebue Municipal Code, Section 1.12.030(B), this Ordinance 25-02 shall be effective *nunc pro tunc* January 1, 2025 and serve as the City's Budget for CY2025 unless and until duly amended following the appropriate provisions of the Kotzebue Municipal Code.

**ENACTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025.

**CITY OF KOTZEBUE**

  
Derek Haviland-Lie, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lorraine Hunnicutt, Acting City Clerk



ATTESTATION: I, Lorraine Hunnicutt, Acting City Clerk for the City of Kotzebue, hereby attest that the above Ordinance No. 25-02, was duly presented to the Kotzebue City Council, duly published and that a valid public hearing was held and that it was duly enacted on April 3, 2025.

Initially Published/Posted: February 28, 2025  
Introduction: March 20, 2025  
Republished/Reposted: March 28, 2025  
First Public Hearing: April 3, 2025  
Passage: April 3, 2025

**[Note: the Water/Sewer/Garbage rates assumed for this CY2025 Budget need to be revised/updated/recalculated which will be done at the RCCMs in May/June 2025.]**

Attachment: Exhibit "A" -- CY2025 Budget [32 pages]  
Exhibit "B" -- CY2025 Approved Fee Schedule [5 pages]

Administration			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Business License	January – December	55.00	
Business License Reprint	January – December	15.00	
Late Filing Fee	After January 1st	30.00	Monthly
Failure to Display	January – December	30.00	
Special Event License	January – December	30.00	Each Event
Chauffeur Permit	January 1-December 31		
Operator Only		55.00	Fee Per Permittee
Taxicab/Food Delivery Permit	January 1- December 31	110.00	Per Vehicle (Required: Operator Information and Proof of Insurance)
Sales Tax Rate		6.0%	
Tobacco License Fee	January 1-December 31	535.00	
Marijuana License Fee	January 1-December 31	535.00	
Copy and/or Fax	Per Page	0.30	
Map	Each	35.00	
Notary	Each	10.00	
Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)	Each	5.00	
Pin	Each	5.00	
Public Information			
Audio Recordings	Each	20.00	
Copies of Documents	Per Page	0.30	
Copies of Drawings	20.00 Admin Fee	Actual Cost	Actual Cost of Copy
Research/copying costs	20.00 Admin Fee	Actual Cost	Above five (5) hours
Package Store			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Non-Residential Permit	180 Days	50.00	
	90 Days	40.00	
	30 Days	30.00	
	10 Days	20.00	
Resident Permit New	One Year	60.00	New Applicants Only
Resident Permit Renewal	One Year	35.00	
Pick up Fee	Each	40.00	
Parks & Recreation – Fees			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Youth Center Facility Rental	1 Hour	55.00	Setup during Valid Period
	2 Hours	110.00	Setup during Valid Period
	4 Hours	215.00	Setup during Valid Period
	8 Hours	430.00	Setup during Valid Period
Facility Deposit	Each	100.00	Refundable Upon Completion of Clean-up
Tables Rentals	Up to 20	30.00	Per day
Tables Rentals	21 or More	55.00	Per day
Chairs Rentals	Up to 50	30.00	Per day
Chairs Rentals	51 or More	55.00	Per day
Bouncy House Rental	Per day	20.00	Per day
Armory Workout		5.00	Per Day
Armory Punch Card	10 Visits	40.00	
Armory Punch Card	21 Visits	80.00	
Ski Rentals	Per day	5.00	
Ski Equipment Deposit	Per day	10.00	Refundable Upon Return
Ice Skate Rentals	Per day	5.00	
Ice Skate Deposit	Per day	10.00	Refundable Upon Return
Winter Rental Punch Card	10 Rentals	25.00	Per Winter Season
Kayak Rentals Hourly	Per Hour	5.00	
Kayak Rentals 1/2 Day	6 Hours	15.00	
Kayak Rentals Full Day	12 Hours	25.00	
Kayak Rentals Weekend	48 Hours	45.00	2 Consecutive Days
Camping Fees	Season	110.00	
Camping Fees Elders	Season	55.00	



ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
<b>Public Works – Equipment &amp; Snow Removal</b>			
UNIT	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Vehicle Impound Fee (Tow to Impound)	Per Hour	235.00	
2001 Caterpillar 163-H Grader	Per Hour	240.00	
1989 Hitachi EX150 Excavator	Per Hour	240.00	
2010 Hitachi EX225 Excavator	Per Hour	275.00	
1993 Ingersoll-Rand Genset 185	Per Hour	110.00	
1993 Ingersoll-Rand Compressor	Per Hour	110.00	
1983 Bomaq Roller (Compactor)	Per Hour	110.00	
Miller Welder	Per Hour	80.00	
2004 Trailer craft Hopper Spreader	Per Hour	80.00	
Tow Master Low Boy	Per Hour	215.00	
2008 Komatsu D-65EX-15EO Dozer	Per Hour	295.00	
2010 International Dump Truck	Per Hour	150.00	
2010 International Dump Truck	Per Hour	150.00	
2020 International Water Delivery Truck	Per Hour	110.00	
2016 Mack Water Truck	Per Hour	110.00	
2022 International Hydro Vac	Per Hour	270.00	
2002 Sterling Hydro Jet	Per Hour	215.00	
1993 Ford (red) Garbage Truck	Per Hour	160.00	
1995 Ford (white) Garbage Truck	Per Hour	160.00	
2000 International Flatbed	Per Hour	135.00	
2001 Volvo L150 Loader	Per Hour	375.00	
XXXX Volvo L110 Loader	Per Hour	250.00	
Video Camera	Per Hour	75.00	
Concrete Saw	Per Hour	80.00	
Jackhammer	Per Hour	65.00	
2017 Genie Telehandler	Per Hour	215.00	
2017 Komatsu Forklift	Per Hour	215.00	
Water Pumping	Per Day	200.00	
City Operator + Equipment	Actual Cost Per Hour + Cost Per Hour for Equipment + 100.00 Admin Fee	500.00	Actual Cost Per Hour + Cost Per Hour for Equipment + 100.00 Admin Fee
<b>Public Works – Solid Waste</b>			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Building Maintenance Labor	Per Hour	160.00	
Equipment Operator	Per Hour	160.00	
Mechanic Shop	Per Hour	160.00	
A & B Foam	Gallon	65.00	
Pipe Repair Band	Each	160.00	
Parts and Materials	50.00 Admin Fee	Actual Cost	50.00 Admin Fee
Refuse Service COMMERCIAL			
Bailer Drop off Commercial	Cubic Yard	20.00	
Landfill Drop-Off Commercial	Cubic Yard	15.00	
Improperly Positioned Containers Commercial	Each	35.00	
Improper Disposal Hazardous Waste Commercial	100.00 Admin Fee	Cost of Remediation	100.00 Admin Fee
Refuse Service RESIDENTIAL			
Container Purchase	Each	300.00	
Bailer Drop off Residential	Late/Blocked/Missed	10.00	Late/Blocked/Missed
Landfill Drop-Off Residential		10.00	
Non-Conforming Container Residential	Each Offense	15.00	
Improperly Positioned Containers	Each	15.00	
Garbage not Contained Properly	Each	15.00	
Improper Disposal Hazardous Waste	100.00 Admin Fee	Cost of Remediation	
Vehicle Disposal	Each	500.00	
Freon Removal Residential Only	Each	30.00	Added City Tax as a service
Construction & Demolition Waste	Cubic Yard	25.00	

ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
<b>Public Works – Water Wastewater</b>			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Water Wastewater COMMERCIAL			
Honey Bucket Flat Rate		60.00	
Honey Bucket Senior Rate		30.00	
Other Charges			
Water Delivery	Per Trip	70.00	
Water Sales	Per Gallon	0.08	
Videotaping	Per Hour	160.00	
Hydro flushing Residential	Per Hour	215.00	
Hydro flushing Senior	Per Hour	107.50	
Hydro flushing Commercial	Per Hour	320.00	
Vacuum Septic Tank Commercial	Per Hour	265.00	
Mustang (Jetting)	Per Hour	250.00	
Porta Potty Rental	Plus per vacuum	160.00	Per Rental
Porta Potty Rental	Daily	20.00	Per Rental
Porta Potty Rental	Weekly	75.00	Per Rental
Porta Potty Rental	Monthly	300.00	Per Rental
Sewer Line Labor	Per Hour/1 Hour Minimum	135.00	1 Hour Minimum
Equipment Operator	Per Hour/1 Hour Minimum	135.00	1 Hour Minimum
Honey Bucket Clean-Up	Per Hour/1 Hour Minimum	250.00	1 Hour Minimum
Improper Container	Per Container	15.00	
Open Container	Per Container	10.00	
<b>Water/Sewer Hook-up/Disconnect/Re- connect Fees</b>			
New Connection Water	Each Occurrence	535.00	
New Connection Sewer	Each Occurrence	535.00	
Year Round with Arctic Box	Per Unit	110.00	
Residential Units (In gravel)	Per Unit	535.00	June 1- September 30
Residential (in pavement)	Per Unit	600.00	June 1- September 30 Plus Cost of Cold Patch
Commercial Including Multi-Unit Dwellings	Per Unit	645.00	June 1- September 30 Plus Cost of Cold Patch
Residential	Per Unit	430.00	October 1-May 31 Plus Cost of Cold Patch
Commercial Including Multi-Unit Dwellings	Per Unit	430.00	October 1-May 31 Plus Cost of Material + Labor
Residential A single dwelling or multi-unit up to a 5 plex Commercial Multi-unit Dwellings Multi-unit dwellings of a 6 Plex or more Commercial Any building or land intended to generate a profit either from capital gain or rental income			

ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Planning			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Building Permit			
Application Fee	Each Occurrence	10.00	
\$0-\$100,000	Each Occurrence	0.015	X Price of Valuation
\$100,001-\$500,000	Each Occurrence	0.010	X Price of Valuation
\$500,001-\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence	0.008	X Price of Valuation
\$1,000,001-\$10,000,000	Each Occurrence	0.006	X Price of Valuation
Application Permit Late Fees	Per Day	15.00	
Flood Hazard Permit	Each Occurrence	30.00	
Moving Permit	Each Occurrence	55.00	\$500 Refundable Deposit
Permit to Excavate/Locate	Each Occurrence	55.00	
Application Fee		15.00	
Excavation Deposit		Bond for Contract Value plus 15%	Deposit returned upon Satisfactory Completion
Variance Application Regular Meeting	Per Application	200.00	Non-Refundable
Variance Application Special Meeting		300.00	
Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat		250.00	
Major Subdivision Final Plat		100.00	
Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat		150.00	
Minor Subdivision Final Plat		100.00	
Alteration or Replat, including Vacation of Right-of-Way		150.00	
Minor Lot Consolidation and Exempted Replats		150.00	
Abbreviated Plats and Waivers		150.00	
Vacations of Property		200.00	
Special Use Permit Application Fee	Per Application	270.00	
Tideland Permit Application Fee	Per Application	320.00	
Tideland Fee	Per Use	1,605.00	
Connex Storage Fee	Per Connex/Per Month	500.00	
Fines			
Encroachment	Each	160.50	First Offense
Encroachment	Each	321.00	Second Offense
Encroachment	Each	481.50	Third Offense
ROW Infraction	Each	160.50	First Offense
ROW Infraction	Each	321.00	Second Offense
ROW Infraction	Each	160.50	Third Offense
Litter Violation	Each Offense	320.00	Plus cost of abatement
Hazardous/loathsome Materials	Each Offense	320.00	Plus cost of abatement



ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
<b>Police</b>			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Fingerprints	Each Occurrence	50.00	
Police Reports	Each Copy	30.00	
Police Report Pictures	Each Copy	30.00	
Serve Court Summons/Serve Civil Papers	Each Occurrence	75.00	
Animal Control Fees			
Unattended Animals 1st Offense		100.00	
Unattended Animals 2nd Offense		150.00	
Unattended Animals 3rd Offense		200.00	
Annual Dog License	Per Animal	10.00	
Lifetime Dog License	Per Animal	110.00	
Pick up Fee (First Time)		55.00	
Pick up Fee (Additional)		15.00	
Impound Fee 1st Offense		110.00	
Impound Fee 2nd Offense		160.00	
Impound Fee 3rd Offense		210.00	
Kennel Fee	Per Day (maximum 3 days)	30.00	
Euthanasia and Disposal Fee	Per Animal	50.00	
Public Intoxication 1st Offense		250.00	
Public Intoxication 2nd Offense		325.00	
Public Intoxication 3rd Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense and every offense after	535.00	
False Alarms			
First False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	0.00	
Second False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	200.00	
Third False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	300.00	
Each False Alarm in Excess of Three	Per Business/Resident/Year	500.00	
Parking Fines	Per Violation	30.00	
Discharge Weapon in City limits	Per Violation	110.00	
<b>Snow machine/ATV Minor Cited Violation Fines</b>			
First Offense	Per Violation	30.00	
Second Offense	Per Violation	60.00	
Third Offense	Per Violation	85.00	
Each Offense in Excess of Three	Per Violation	110.00	
<b>Fire</b>			
ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY 25	COMMENTS
Ambulance		25.00	
Basic Life Support	Each Occurrence	1,375.00	
Advanced Life Support I	Each Occurrence	1,705.00	
Advanced Life Support II	Each Occurrence	1,925.00	
False Alarms			
First False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	100.00	
Second False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	200.00	
Third False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	300.00	
Fourth False Alarm	Per Business/Resident/Year	400.00	
More Than 4 Responses to the same address	Per Occurrence	535.00	
Human Remains Transport		500.00	



For the Baler

	Number of Users	Pct	Baler	Per Unit	Baler Surcharge 36 mo.
Regular	501	60.58%	363,482.47	725.51	20.15
Senior	156	18.86%	113,180.17	725.51	10.00
Commerical	170	20.56%	123,337.36	725.51	20.15
Total	827	100.00%	600,000.00	725.51	

**Option 1-Same now -Same in 26**

Service	2024 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2025 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total	2025 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2026 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total
Water	105.21	10.00%	115.73	-	115.73	115.73	10.00%	127.30	-	127.30
Sewer	57.18	15.00%	65.76	-	65.76	65.76	15.00%	75.62	-	75.62
Garbage	52.27	20.00%	62.72	20.15	82.87	82.87	20.00%	99.45	20.15	119.60
Sub-Total	214.66		244.21	20.15	264.36	264.36		302.37	20.15	322.52
Sales Tax	12.88		14.65		15.86	15.86		18.14		19.35
Total	227.54		258.86	20.15	280.22	280.22		320.52	20.15	341.87

**Senior Rates**

Service	2024 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2025 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total	2025 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2026 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total
Water	42.08	10.00%	46.29	-	46.29	46.29	10.00%	50.92	-	50.92
Sewer	24.76	15.00%	28.47	-	28.47	28.47	15.00%	32.75	-	32.75
Garbage	26.14	20.00%	31.37	10.00	41.37	41.37	20.00%	49.64	10.00	59.64
Sub-Total	92.98		106.13	10.00	116.13	116.13		133.30	10.00	143.30
Sales Tax	-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Total	92.98		106.13	10.00	116.13	116.13		133.30	10.00	143.30

**Commerical Rates -3 yd Dumpster**

Service	2024 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2025 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total	2025 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2026 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total
Water	107.02	10.00%	117.72	-	117.72	117.72	10.00%	129.49	-	129.49
Sewer	57.18	15.00%	65.76	-	65.76	65.76	15.00%	75.62	-	75.62
Garbage pu	28.43	20.00%	34.12	-	34.12	34.12	20.00%	40.94	-	40.94
Dumpster	1,885.00	20.00%	2,262.00	20.15	2,282.15	2,282.15	20.00%	2,738.58	20.15	2,758.73
Sub-Total	2,077.63		2,479.60	20.15	2,499.75	2,499.75		2,984.63	20.15	3,004.78
Sales Tax	124.66		148.78		149.98	149.98		179.08		180.29
Total	2,202.29		2,628.37	20.15	2,649.73	2,649.73		3,163.71	20.15	3,185.07

**Commerical Rates -6 yd Dumpster**

Service	2024 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2025 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total	2025 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2026 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total
Water	107.02	10.00%	117.72	-	117.72	117.72	10.00%	129.49	-	129.49
Sewer	57.18	15.00%	65.76	-	65.76	65.76	15.00%	75.62	-	75.62
Garbage pu	28.43	20.00%	34.12	-	34.12	34.12	20.00%	40.94	-	40.94
Dumpster	2,494.00	20.00%	2,992.80	20.15	3,012.95	3,012.95	20.00%	3,615.54	20.15	3,635.69
Sub-Total	2,686.63		3,210.40	20.15	3,230.55	3,230.55		3,861.59	20.15	3,881.74
Sales Tax	161.20		192.62		193.83	193.83		231.70		232.90
Total	2,847.83		3,403.02	20.15	3,424.38	3,424.38		4,093.29	20.15	4,114.65

Commerical Rates -8 yd Dumpster

Service	2024 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2025 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total	2025 Regular Rates	Pct Increase	2026 Regular Rates	Baler Surcharge	Total
Water	107.02	10.00%	117.72	-	117.72	117.72	10.00%	129.49	-	129.49
Sewer	57.18	15.00%	65.76	-	65.76	65.76	15.00%	75.62	-	75.62
Garbage pu	28.43	20.00%	34.12	-	34.12	34.12	20.00%	40.94	-	40.94
Dumpster	3,860.00	20.00%	4,632.00	20.15	4,652.15	4,652.15	20.00%	5,582.58	20.15	5,602.73
Sub-Total	4,052.63		4,849.60	20.15	4,869.75	4,869.75		5,828.63	20.15	5,848.78
Sales Tax	243.16		290.98		292.18	292.18		349.72		350.93
Total	4,295.79		5,140.57	20.15	5,161.93	5,161.93		6,178.35	20.15	6,199.71

	2025 Regular Rates	Number of Users	Annual Total
Water	115.73	501	695,774.77
Sewer	65.76	501	395,331.08
Garbage	82.87	501	498,238.49
Senior			
Water	46.29	156	86,651.14
Sewer	28.47	156	53,303.33
Garbage	41.37	156	77,440.90

	2026 Regular Rates	Number of Users	Annual Total
Water	127.30	501	765,352.25
Sewer	75.62	501	454,630.75
Garbage	119.60	501	719,027.99
Senior			
Water	50.92	156	95,316.25
Sewer	32.75	156	61,298.83
Garbage	59.64	156	111,649.08

Commerical Rates -6 yd Dumpster

Service			
Water	117.72	170	240,152.88
Sewer	65.76	170	134,144.28
Garbage pu	34.12	170	69,596.64
Dumpster	3,012.95	170	6,146,418.00
Grand Total			8,397,051.50
Half Year 2025			4,198,525.75

Commerical Rates -6 yd Dumpster

Service			
Water	129.49	170	264,168.17
Sewer	75.62	170	154,265.92
Garbage pu	40.94	170	83,515.97
Dumpster	3,635.69	170	7,416,807.60
Grand Total			10,126,032.79