

CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02

ENTITLED: "A NON-CODE ORDINANCE CORRECTING OMITTED FEES FOR CY2026."

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

- Section 1.** This is a Non-Code Ordinance.
- Section 2.** Non-Code Ordinance 26-01, was passed and approved on February 19, 2026. However, through a software/technical glitch, several fees were omitted for CY2026.
- Section 3.** As a result of the omission, the City has been charging outdated CY2025 fees for all fees omitted in Non-Code Ordinance 26-01.
- Section 4.** The omitted fees for CY2026 are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
- Section 5.** The omitted fees for CY2026 shall become effective with the August 1, 2026 billing cycle for the bills mailed out in early-September 2026.

ENACTED this 2nd day of July 2026.

CITY OF KOTZEBUE

Saima Chase
Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Donald Jones
City Clerk

ATTESTATION: I, Donald Jones, Clerk for the City of Kotzebue, hereby attest that the above Non-Code Ordinance, No. 26-02, 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 July 2, 2026.

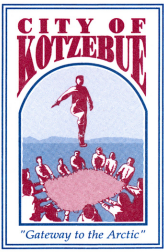
Public Post: April 10, 2026
Introduced: April 16, 2026
Public Re-Post: May 1, 2026
First Public Hearing: May 7, 2026
Public Re-Post: May 14, 2026
Second Public Hearing: May 20, 2026
Public Re-post: June 17, 2026
Third Public Hearing: June 18, 2026
Public Re-post June 26, 2026
Fourth Public Hearing July 2, 2026
Passed and Approved: July 2, 2026
Adopted: August 1, 2026

Attachments:

- **Exhibit “A”**: Table of Fees Omitted in Non-Code Ordinance 26-01 – [1 page]
- **Exhibit “B”**: Alaska Residential Utility Rate Comparison PSA– [1 page]
- **Exhibit “C”**: Utility Rate PSA [1 page]

PUBLIC WORKS - WATER / WASTEWATER							
ITEM	ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY25	CUOP RATE	DIFFERENCE	CY26	COMMENTS
SENIOR/DISABLED RATES							
1	Water Flat Rate		\$40.58	\$0.48	\$0.00	\$40.58	
2	Wastewater Flat Rate		\$20.18	\$5.96	\$8.82	\$29.00	
RESIDENTIAL RATES Single/Multi-units up to Five-plex							
3	Water Flat Rate		\$101.46	\$84.74	\$0.00	\$101.46	
4	Wastewater Flat Rate		\$46.60	\$32.98	\$21.40	\$68.00	
MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS RATES Multi-unit Six-plex and above							
5	Water Base Rate	Up to 6000 Gallons	\$107.02		\$0.00	\$107.02	
6	Water Metered Rate	Per 1000 Gallons	\$42.88		\$0.00	\$42.88	
7	Wastewater Minimum Rate	Up to 6000 Gallons	\$57.18		\$10.82	\$68.00	
8	Wastewater Metered Rate	Per 1000 Gallons	\$19.53		\$7.47	\$27.00	
COMMERCIAL RATES							
9	Water Flat Rate	Monthly	\$240.77		\$0.00	\$240.77	
10	Water Minimum Rate	Monthly	\$107.02		\$0.00	\$107.02	
11	Water Metered Rate	Per 1000 Gallons	\$42.88		\$0.00	\$42.88	
12	Wastewater Flat Rate	Monthly	\$118.42		\$21.58	\$140.00	
13	Wastewater Metered Rate	Per 1000 Gallons	\$57.18		\$10.82	\$68.00	

PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE							
ITEM	ACTIVITY	VALID PERIOD	CY25			CY26	COMMENTS
SENIOR/DISABLED RATES							
14	Residential Pick-Up Elder Service		\$27.29		\$4.71	\$32.00	
RESIDENTIAL RATES							
15	Residential Pick-Up Service		\$52.27		\$11.73	\$64.00	
16	Additional Pick-Up Residential				\$64.00	\$64.00	Additional/Late/Blocked/Missed
COMMERCIAL RATES							
17	Commercial Dumpster Lease	Monthly	\$35.00		\$7.00	\$42.00	
18	Commercial Pick-Up Service	Per Dumpster	\$28.43		\$6.57	\$35.00	
19	Additional Pick-Up	Each			\$35.00	\$35.00	Additional/Late/Blocked/Missed



City of Kotzebue

4th PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 26-02

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 2, 2026

Residents of the City of Kotzebue are encouraged to attend the next regular city council meeting for public comment on Ordinance 26-02 regarding water, sewer, and garbage rate increases.

SENIOR / DISABLED RATES

	CURRENT w/o CUAP	CURRENT w/ CUAP	PROPOSED RATE	INCREASE
WATER	\$40.58	\$0.48	\$40.58	\$0.00
SEWER	\$20.18	\$5.96	\$29.00	\$8.82
GARBAGE	\$27.29	\$27.29	\$32.00	\$4.71
TOTAL	\$88.05	\$33.73	\$101.58	\$13.53

RESIDENTIAL RATES

	CURRENT w/o CUAP	CURRENT w/ CUAP	PROPOSED RATE	INCREASE
WATER	\$101.46	\$84.74	\$101.46	\$0.00
SEWER	\$46.60	\$32.98	\$68.00	\$21.40
GARBAGE	\$52.27	\$52.27	\$64.00	\$11.73
TOTAL	\$200.33	169.99 + 10.20 tax	233.46 + 14.00 tax	\$33.13

**The Northwest Arctic Borough - Community Utility Assistance Program is a yearly appropriated assistance for villages in the NWAB.

Exhibit "B" to Ordinance 26-02 for RCCM July 2, 2026

ALASKA RESIDENTIAL UTILITY RATE COMPARISON

The City of Kotzebue is committed to providing transparent information to our residents. The table below compares residential utility rates from communities across Alaska using publicly available information. Rates include water, sewer, and garbage services where available and are listed from highest to lowest total monthly cost.

Community	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Total
Ketchikan	\$74.25	\$63.69	\$233.07/ton (Landfill Disposal)	\$371.01*
Fairbanks	\$122.05	\$153.04	\$33.00	\$308.09
Bethel	\$229.78	\$65.05	Community Dumpsters	\$294.83
Sitka	\$66.91	\$89.79	\$80.72	\$237.42
Craig	\$56.90	\$70.38	\$77.44 (2 × 48-gal bin)	\$204.72
Kotzebue	\$101.46	\$46.60	\$52.27	\$200.33**
Juneau	\$44.90	\$116.95	Contracted	\$161.85
Anchorage	\$68.98	\$60.82	\$25.00	\$154.80
Nome	\$49.09	\$58.81	\$43.12	\$151.02
Seward	\$53.75	\$74.07	Contracted	\$127.82
Dillingham	\$57.79	\$69.52	Landfill Drop-off	\$127.31
Utqiagvik	\$55.00 (up to 3,000 gal.)***	\$14.00	\$32.00	\$101.00

* Ketchikan's garbage rate is based on landfill disposal by ton and may vary by usage.

**Total utility rate for Kotzebue does not include Community Utility Assistance Program Discount

*** Water usage over 3,000 gallons is billed at an additional \$0.02 per gallon.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Every community has unique infrastructure, geography, operating costs, and service delivery challenges that influence utility rates. This comparison is provided to offer residents a broader perspective on how Kotzebue's utility rates compare with those of other Alaska communities. The City remains committed to operating and maintaining essential utility services in a safe, reliable, and fiscally responsible manner.

Disclaimer

The information presented was compiled using publicly available online records and information available at the time the research was conducted. While every effort was made to ensure accuracy, rates and policies may have changed since compilation. This comparison is intended for informational purposes only and should not be considered an official rate schedule. Please refer to the appropriate municipality or utility provider for the most current and authoritative information.