

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. That the General Ordinances of the City of Oelwein adopted July 1, 2012, and subsequent amendments, be amended, by deleting Section 7-2 (9) and replacing it with the following:

9. Normal domestic wastewater shall mean wastewater that has a BOD concentration of not more than two hundred twenty (220). A total suspended solids concentration of not more than two hundred fifty (250) mg/l and a TKN concentration of not more than thirty-five (35) mg/l.

Section 2. That the General Ordinances of the City of Oelwein adopted July 1, 2012, with subsequent amendments, be amended by deleting Section 7-2 (27) and replacing it with the following:

27. Total Suspended solids shall mean solids that either float on the surface, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

Section 3. That the General Ordinances of the City of Oelwein adopted July 1, 2012, with subsequent amendments, be amended by deleting Section 7-10 in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

SECTION 7-10 WATER RATES

1. Prior to the First of May of each year, the City Administrator shall submit the rate schedule to City Council for review.

2. The following rates shall be effective July 1, 2021, until adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (1), above:

A.	Infrastructure Fee per account:	July 1, 2021	\$4.00 per month
		July 1, 2022	\$2.00 per month
		July 1, 2023	\$ .00 per month

B. Deleted.

C. Usage Charges for water furnished to users located within boundaries of the City of Oelwein:

Fiscal Year	Minimum for 75 cubic feet	Rate over 75 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet
2021-2022	\$9.97	\$3.98
2022-2023	\$11.17	\$4.46
2023-2024	\$12.51	\$5.00
2024-2025	\$12.76	\$5.10
2025-2026	\$13.02	\$5.20

East Penn qualifies for a water rate equivalent to a 5% rate reduction for seven years started January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2024. This discounted rate is effective when East Penn Manufacturing exceeds 150,000 cubic feet consumption monthly.

B. Charges for water furnished to users located outside the boundaries of the City of Oelwein:

Fiscal Year	Minimum for 75 cubic feet	Rate over 75 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet
2021-2022	\$19.17	\$7.92
2022-2023	\$21.47	\$8.87
2023-2024	\$24.05	\$9.93
2024-2025	\$24.53	\$10.13
2025-2026	\$25.02	\$10.33

Section 4. That the General Ordinances of the City of Oelwein adopted July 1, 2012, with subsequent amendments, be amended by deleting Section 7-27 and replacing it with the following:

**SECTION 7-27. WATER TAPS.**

All taps into the municipal water mains shall be made by the utility superintendent, or their designee. Allowable tap sizes shall be determined by the city. No water main shall receive larger than a one-inch (1") tap. All taps on the side of the main shall be at least eighteen inches (18") apart. Taps on opposite sides of the main shall not be within four (4") inches of a point opposite any pre-existing tap. Water mains must be tapped near the mid-point between the top and bottom of said main and more than twelve inches from an existing bell or hub. The tapping fee shall be set by city council by resolution.

Section 5. That the General Ordinances of the City of Oelwein adopted July 1, 2012, with subsequent amendments, be amended by deleting Section 7-41 in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

SECTION 7-41 SAME -- SURCHARGES: SCHEDULES

1. Any user which discharges any toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or the sludge from the city’s sewage treatment works, or any user which discharges any substance which is singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost of operation, maintenance or replacement of the treatment works, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge of each such user shall be as determined by the responsible plant operating personnel and approved by the city council by city resolution.

2. For those contributors who contribute wastewater, the strength of which is greater than normal domestic sewage a surcharge in addition to the normal user charge will be collected. This additional concentration is multiplied against the monthly flow and number of days to calculate the pounds for surcharge. The surcharge for operation and maintenance including replacement fee shall be established by council resolution.

Any wastewater contributor accounts listed on the City’s DNR wastewater Operating permit and/or requiring special effluent testing shall reimburse the City or pay the testing laboratory directly for the actual costs of said special tests as well as any engineering services required by the City in determining acceptance of this effluent.

Discharges approved by the City, not originating from the city metered source discharged to the City’s sewage treatment works, shall be calculated and charged using the rate of 7-10 B “Charges for water furnished to user located outside the boundaries of the City of Oelwein:” This will be in addition to any fees for required testing, surcharges or required engineering services to gain approval of the discharge.

A. Usage Charges for sewer furnished to users located within boundaries of the City of Oelwein:

Fiscal Year	Minimum for 75 cubic feet	Rate over 75 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet
2021-2022	\$15.91	\$6.62
2022-2023	\$16.71	\$6.95
2023-2024	\$17.55	\$7.30
2024-2025	\$17.90	\$7.45
2025-2026	\$18.25	\$7.60

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B. Charges for sewer furnished to users located outside the boundaries of the City of Oelwein:

Fiscal Year	Minimum for 75 cubic feet	Rate over 75 cubic feet per 100 cubic feet
2021-2022	\$34.16	\$6.62
2022-2023	\$35.87	\$6.95
2023-2024	\$37.66	\$7.30
2024-2025	\$38.41	\$7.44
2025-2026	\$39.18	\$7.60

Section 6. That the General Ordinances of the City of Oelwein adopted July 1, 2012, with subsequent amendments, be amended by deleting Section 7-70 (5) and replacing it with the following:

5. All taps into the municipal sanitary sewer mains shall be made by the Utility Superintendent, or their designee. The tapping fee shall be set by city council by resolution.

Section 7. That all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2021.

First reading - May 24, 2021  
 Second reading -  
 Third reading -

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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 Brett DeVore, Mayor

Attest:

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

Recorded \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

Second Reading on. \_\_\_\_\_  
It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that the Ordinance as read be adopted,  
and upon roll call there were:

AYES    NAYS    ABSENT    ABSTAIN

Stewart  
Seeders  
Weber  
Cantrell  
Fisk  
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First Reading on: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Third Reading on \_\_\_\_\_. It was moved by  
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