

State of Minnesota
County of Watonwan

RESOLUTION NO. 07.25.07

**RESOLUTION AMENDING WATER SERVICE RATES EFFECTIVE
January 15, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of St. James reviews annual revenues and expenses of its water treatment facility and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the water rates are based upon the estimated annual revenue requirements for the municipal water treatment facility and distribution system, which include operation and maintenance, replacement expense, and debt service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that pursuant to the authority granted by Section 3.02 of the City Code, the charges for use of the municipal water treatment and distribution system are hereby established as follows effective on the 15th Day of January each year and may be amended from time to time:

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028
Base Rate by Meter Size				
5/8 & 3/4 in	\$18.25	\$18.25	\$18.25	\$18.25
1 in	\$18.25	\$18.25	\$18.25	\$18.25
1 ½ in	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$54.00	\$56.00
2 in	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$54.00	\$56.00
3 in	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$150.00
4 in	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$150.00
Usage by Class				
Residential/Commercial	\$6.22	\$6.62	\$7.05	\$7.50
Industrial	\$5.70	\$6.14	\$6.60	\$7.08
Red Rock	\$5.70	\$6.14	\$6.60	\$7.08
Irrigation	\$8.50	\$9.10	\$9.70	\$10.35
Bulk Water	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00

CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

1. Prompt Payment Provisions: All charges are net. If the bill is not paid or received by mail by the due date, a late payment charge of 8.0% of the balance due will apply. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, the due date will be the next working day.
2. Sales tax to be added to all electric bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of Minnesota.

3. The City will charge \$30.00 for any check or ACH Withdrawal returned by a financial institution.
4. The City will charge \$1.50 for mailing paper statements.
5. All volume charges shall be based on monthly water meter readings, or where appropriated, actual water flows.
6. The City will make a charge for special services that may be requested or required of it.
7. Such charges to be based on total costs for labor and materials plus a nominal markup which is determined by department policy.
8. Where one water meter is used to service more than one user, the base rate, replacement and maintenance rates for water shall be charged at the number of users using the one meter. There is not a cap to how many users can use one meter.
9. Owners and/or occupants of property served by the Municipal Utilities of the City of St. James shall be responsible for the repairs to all utility meters damaged through negligence on their part. Under these circumstances, they shall be charged for the cost of repairing the same. Necessary repairs resulting because of damage from negligence of any kind on the part of the customer shall be charged to the customer. Neglect is defined but not limited to frozen meters and/or tampering with meters.
10. That any customer/account disconnected for non-payment shall be charged a \$100.00 reconnection fee to regain water service.
11. The Water Superintendent will interpret these regulations and rules as to intent. In case of dispute, the Council will arrange to review the point in question upon request.
12. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting power of the City Council to modify or to make such further rule or rulings as it may deem necessary or expedient from time to time.
13. If any provisions hereof, or the application of such provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this act shall not be affected thereby.
14. If water is shut off at a property for 15 days or more, the property shall be considered uninhabitable by the building official.
15. All interpretations regarding rates and procedures shall be made in favor of the City of St. James.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that all previous resolutions inconsistent herewith may be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Adopted by the City Council this 15th day of July 2025.

Christopher Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin K. Hurley, City Clerk

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