

State of Minnesota
County of Watonwan

RESOLUTION NO. 07.25.06

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

WHEREAS, the City of St. James reviews annual revenues and expenses of its Waste Water Treatment Facility and Collection System; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer User charge rates are based upon the estimated annual revenue requirements for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility and collection system, which includes operation and maintenance, and replacement expenses;

WHEREAS, each sewer user will be assessed sewer charges based upon the wastewater volume and pollutant loadings discharge into the City's sanitary sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA, that the Sewer Service Charge System dated May 1990 and on file at City Hall is hereby amended.

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

1. Residential/Commercial Small Industry

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Base Rate	\$45.12	\$46.92	\$48.80	\$50.75	\$52.78	\$54.90
Billing & Admin Charge	\$15.39	\$16.01	\$16.65	\$17.87	\$18.00	\$18.72
Replacement Expense	\$29.73	\$30.92	\$32.16	\$34.47	\$34.78	\$36.17
Usage	\$5.95	\$6.19	\$6.44	\$6.69	\$6.96	\$7.24
Storm Sewer Maintenance	\$7.50	\$11.25	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

2. Smithfield Foods

	Current Rate	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Base Rate	\$3,621.61	\$3,621.61	\$3,621.61	\$3,621.61	\$3,621.61	\$3,621.61
Billing & Admin Charge	\$9.53	\$9.53	\$9.53	\$9.53	\$9.53	\$9.53
Replacement Expense	\$3,612.08	\$3,612.08	\$3,612.08	\$3,612.08	\$3,612.08	\$3,612.08
Usage	\$9.82	\$10.21	\$10.62	\$11.04	\$11.49	\$11.94
Storm Sewer Maintenance	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$17.50	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00

BOD (\$/lb)	\$.26	\$.27	\$.28	\$.29	\$.30	\$.32
TSS (\$/lb)	\$.29	\$.30	\$.31	\$.33	\$.34	\$.35
P (\$/lb)	\$5.03	\$5.23	\$5.44	\$5.66	\$5.89	\$6.12
FOG (\$/lb)	\$.26	\$.27	\$.28	\$.29	\$.30	\$.32

3. Septage haulers shall pay a permit fee of \$ 100.00 annually, \$55.00 per 1,000 gallons of water with a minimum charge of \$ 30.00.

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 sewer flows.
6. A separate water meter for non-sewer water consumed shall be allowed. Such water meters shall be purchased from the city for installation by a licensed plumber or the property owner. Connection to the city service must be approved and certified by the City Water Department. In such instances a sewer charge will not be billed.
7. Sewer rates shall apply to all service units; unless water and electricity are disconnected at which time the sewer serve charge will be eliminated.
8. The City will make a charge for special services that may be requested or required of it.
9. Such charges to be based on total costs for labor and materials plus a nominal markup which is determined by department policy.
10. Where one water meter is used to service more than one user, the base rate, replacement and maintenance rates for wastewater 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.
11. 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.

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. 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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