

ORDINANCE NO. 4595

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 28.201(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(7)(8), 28.303 and 28.304(3) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by amending Sections 28.201(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(7)(8), 28.303 and 28.304(3) as follows:

DIVISION II  
WATER SERVICE.

**"Sec. 28.201. WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

The rates and charges for water supplied to consumers by the water utility of the city, to be billed on or after July 1, 2026 are as follows:

(1) **Residential Rates.**

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(b) **Rate per billing period.** For each monthly billing period a residential rate customer:

- (i) shall be charged a minimum charge based on meter size, and in addition
- (ii) shall be charged for water usage during the billing periods as follows:
  - (a) for bills mailed on or between July 1 and October 31 (summer period):
    - \$0.0298 per cubic foot for the first 1000 cubic feet of usage
    - \$0.0525 per cubic foot for the next 1500 cubic feet of usage
    - \$0.0790 per cubic foot for all usage over 2500 cubic feet
  - (b) for bills mailed on or between November 1 and June 30 (winter period):
    - \$0.0298 per cubic foot

(2) **Non-residential (Commercial) Rates**

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(b) **Rate per billing period:** For each monthly billing period a non-residential customer:

- (i) shall be charged a minimum charge based on meter size, and in addition
- (ii) shall be charged for water usage during the billing periods as follows:
  - (a) for bills mailed on or between July 1 and October 31 (summer period):
    - \$0.0389 per cubic foot
  - (b) for bills mailed on or between November 1 and June 30 (winter period):
    - \$0.0298 per cubic foot

**(3) Non-Peaking Industrial Rate.**

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(b) **Rate per Billing Period.** For each monthly billing period a non-peaking industrial rate customer:

- (i) shall be charged a minimum charge based on meter size, and in addition
- (ii) shall be charged for water usage during the billing periods as follows:
  - (a) for bills mailed on or between July 1 and October 31 (summer period):  
\$0.0298 per cubic foot
  - (b) for bills mailed on or between November 1 and June 30 (winter period):  
\$0.0298 per cubic foot

**(4) Irrigation and Yard Water Service Rate.**

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(b) **Rate per Billing Period.** For each monthly billing period an irrigation and yard water rate customer:

- (i) shall be charged a minimum charge as described below, and in addition
- (ii) shall be charged for water usage during billing periods as follows:
  - (a) for bills mailed on or between July 1 and October 31 (summer period):  
\$0.0429 per cubic foot for the first 2000 cubic feet of usage  
\$0.0790 per cubic foot for the next 3000 cubic feet of usage  
\$0.1315 per cubic foot for all usage greater than 5000 cubic feet.
  - (b) for bills mailed on or between November 1 and June 30 (winter period):  
\$0.0298 per cubic foot

**(5) Rural Water Rate.**

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(b) **Rate per billing period.** For each monthly billing period, a rural water rate customer:

- (i) shall be charged a Rural water minimum charge based on meter size.
- (ii) shall be charged for water usage during billing periods as follows:
  - (a) for bills mailed on or between July 1 and October 31 (summer period):  
\$0.0493 per cubic foot for the first 2000 cubic feet of usage  
\$0.0908 per cubic foot for the next 3000 cubic feet of usage  
\$0.1512 per cubic foot for all usage greater than 5000 cubic feet.
  - (b) for bills mailed on or between November 1 and June 30 (winter period):  
\$0.0342 per cubic foot for all consumption

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(7) **Minimum charges.** For each monthly billing, each customer shall be charged a minimum monthly charge based on the size of the water meter (s) and/or irrigation meter (s) at each location. The minimum monthly charge may be prorated, based on a 30-day billing period, for the customer's initial and/or final bills, provided that in no case shall the minimum monthly charge be less than seven dollars and thirty-one cents (\$7.31).

The minimum monthly charge for each water meter location shall be as follows:

Size of Meter	Residential, Non-Residential, Non-Peaking Industrial, and Irrigation Account	Yard Water Accounts	Rural Water Accounts
5/8" or 5/8" x 3/4"	\$15.21	\$5.77	\$17.50
3/4 inch	\$30.42	\$8.94	\$34.99
1 inch	\$60.85	\$12.46	\$69.99
1-1/2 inch	\$121.71	\$17.19	\$139.97
2 inch	\$243.42	\$22.85	\$279.93
2 inch, battery of 2	\$471.48	—	\$542.20
2 inch, battery of 3	\$699.63	—	\$804.58
3 inch	\$486.72	\$29.72	\$559.74
4 inch	\$821.31	\$36.95	\$944.50
6 inch	\$1,368.83	\$44.26	\$1,574.16
8 inch	\$2,737.67	\$51.56	\$3,148.31
10 inch	\$4,106.50	\$58.32	\$4,722.48

(8) **Multiple dwellings – Mobile home parks.** Multiple dwellings, including mobile home parks, may be serviced from a single water meter. However, there shall be a surcharge added to the water rates set forth above, to be calculated as follows:

- For a 5/8 inch meter serving 2 or more dwelling units.....\$4.38/month/unit
- For a 3/4 inch meter serving 4 or more dwelling units..... \$4.38/month/unit
- For a 1 inch meter serving 8 or more dwelling units..... \$4.38 /month/unit
- For a 1-1/2 inch meter serving 16 or more dwelling units..... \$4.38/month/unit
- For a 2 inch meter serving 30 or more dwelling units..... \$131.04/month  
for the first 30 units plus \$6.80/month per unit  
for each additional unit in excess of 30 units

For a 3 inch or larger meter serving any number of dwelling units \$6.02/month/unit  
For the purposes of this section, a dwelling unit is defined as a self-contained living facility, (i.e., including kitchen and bath) such as an apartment or a licensed independent mobile home space.

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DIVISION III  
SEWERS

**Sec. 28.303. USE OF RATE REVENUE.**

The user charge system shall generate adequate annual revenues to pay costs of annual operation and maintenance, including replacement, and costs associated with debt retirement of bonded capital associated with financing the treatment works which the City may by ordinance designate to be paid by the user charge system.

**Sec. 28.304. SEWER RATES ESTABLISHED.**

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(3) The rates and charges for sewer service provided by the sewer utility of the City, to be billed on or after July 1, 20252026, for each monthly billing period are as follows:

(a) **Resident Customers.** The Resident Rate shall apply to all customer accounts within the Ames corporate limits.

(i) a monthly minimum charge of fourteen dollars and forty-eight cents (\$14.48).

(ii) a charge for sewer usage during the billing period of three dollars and seventy cents (\$3.70) per 100 cubic feet.

(b) **Nonresident Customers.** The Nonresident Rate shall apply to all customers accounts outside the Ames corporate limits, except for those covered by a separate wholesale contract or agreement for service.

(i) a monthly minimum charge of sixteen dollars and sixty-six cents (\$16.66).

(ii) a charge for sewer usage during the billing period of four dollars and twenty-six cents (\$4.26) per 100 cubic feet.

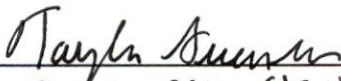
(c) The minimum monthly charge may be prorated, based on a 30-day billing period, for the customer's initial and/or final bills, provided that in no case shall the prorated minimum monthly charge be less than five dollars and fifty-six cents (\$5.56).

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Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this 26 day of May, 2026.

  
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Deputy City Clerk

  
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John A. Haila, Mayor

First Reading: *April 28, 2026*

Second Reading: *May 12, 2026*

Third Reading: *May 26, 2026*

Passed on: *May 26, 2026*

I, Renee Hall, City Clerk of the City of Ames, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. *4595*, passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on *May 26, 2026* and signed by the Mayor on *May 26, 2026*, and published in the Ames Tribune on *May 30, 2026*.

*Renee Hall*  
Renee Hall, City Clerk