

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 390-1.26 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE; TO INITIATE A WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT THAT WILL INCREASE TOTAL SYSTEM REVENUES GENERATED BY RATES CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS FOR SERVICE FROM THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY BY 3.0% EFFECTIVE WITH THE OCTOBER 2026 BILLING; TO PROVIDE FOR BILLING THEREOF; TO REPEAL THE ORIGINAL SECTION 390-1.26; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 390-1.26 of the Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

§390-1.26 Water rates.

- A. A tariff of monthly water rates will be charged for each meter installed in the water system of the City. The Water/Wastewater Director or his duly authorized agent may make a determination to forego the meter charge on irrigation systems when the meter is winterized and shut-off, if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. The following rates are hereby established:

Urban General Service Rates Rates Effective with October 2026 Billing		
Meter Size (inches)	Customer Charge	Rate per Cubic Foot
1 or less	\$15.15	First 1,200 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 1,200 CF, \$.0493 per CF
1.5	\$34.08	First 1,800 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 1,800 CF, \$.0493 per CF
2	\$60.57	First 2,400 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 2,400 CF, \$.0493 per CF
3	\$136.30	First 3,600 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 3,600 CF, \$.0493 per CF
4	\$242.32	First 4,800 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 4,800 CF, \$.0493 per CF
6	\$545.23	First 7,200 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 7,200 CF, \$.0493 per CF
8	\$969.29	First 9,600 CF, \$.0414 per CF Over 9,600 CF, \$.0493 per CF

Rural General Service Rates Rates Effective with October 2026 Billing		
Meter Size (inches)	Customer Charge	Rate per Cubic Foot
1 or less	\$19.83	First 1,200 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 1,200 CF, \$.0722 per CF
1.5	\$41.24	First 1,800 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 1,800 CF, \$.0722 per CF
2	\$71.21	First 2,400 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 2,400 CF, \$.0722 per CF
3	\$156.86	First 3,600 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 3,600 CF, \$.0722 per CF
4	\$276.75	First 4,800 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 4,800 CF, \$.0722 per CF
6	\$619.31	First 7,200 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 7,200 CF, \$.0722 per CF
8	\$1,098.89	First 9,600 CF, \$.0589 per CF Over 9,600 CF, \$.0722 per CF

**Urban Industrial Service Rates
Rates Effective with October 2026 Billing**

1. The Urban Industrial Service Rate is available to customers within the City of Seward with an average monthly usage over 150,000 CF.
2. Customer charges will be based upon the Urban General Service Rate listed above.
3. Rate per Cubic Feet:
 - a. First 66,840 CF, \$.0490 per CF;
 - b. Second 66,840 CF, \$.0368 per CF;
 - c. Third 66,840 CF, \$.0286 per CF;
 - d. Fourth 66,840 CF, \$.0165 per CF; and
 - e. Fifth 66,840 CF and over, \$.0105 per CF.

Section 2. Repeal. All ordinances or provision or portions of ordinances in conflict here with are hereby repealed.

Section 3. When operative. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

Passed and approved this 6th day of October, 2026.

THE CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA


Joshua Eickmeier, Mayor

ATTEST:


Derek Bargmann, City Clerk

