

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 325-8.1 THROUGH 325-8.3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE; TO INITIATE A SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT THAT WILL INCREASE TOTAL SYSTEM REVENUES GENERATED BY RATES CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS FOR SERVICE FROM THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY BY 3.0% EFFECTIVE WITH THE OCTOBER 2026 BILLING; TO PROVIDE FOR BILLING THEREOF; TO REPEAL THE ORIGINAL SECTIONS 325-8.1 THROUGH 325-8.3; 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. Sections 325-8.1 through 325-8.3 of the Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

§325-8.1 Residential rates.

Residential usage for all domestic use only. The bills for the twelve (12) months beginning each April shall be based on an average of the water consumption billed in January, February and March. The sewage charges for a new residential user who has not established an average for the months of January, February and March, or a user who only has sewer and no water usage shall be charged the following usage:

- (1) Single occupancy: 200 cubic feet per month, plus the minimum sewer charge.
- (2) Double or more occupancy: 600 cubic feet per month, plus the minimum sewer charge.
- (3) No water usage – metered: 600 cubic feet per month, plus the minimum sewer charge.

The charges are:

A. Effective October 2026 billing: customer charge of \$38.32 per meter, plus \$.05163 per cubic foot.

§325-8.2 General service rates.

General services rates (formerly commercial) are applied to nonresidential accounts each month.

The charges are:

A. Effective October 2026 billing: customer charge of \$92.37 per meter, plus \$.05163 per cubic foot.

§325-8.3 Large general service rates.

Large general services rates are as follows:

- Users contributing above allowed limits of BOD, SS, TKN, or FOG as defined below.

The Charges are:

A. Effective October 2026 billing:

- (1) Minimum charge of \$491.07 per meter; and
- (2) Per cubic foot: \$.02600; and
- (3) Per pound of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) that is measured to be greater than 300 mg/l: \$0.40; and
- (4) Per pound of suspended solids (SS) that measured to be greater than 350 mg/l: \$0.25.
- (5) Per pound of Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) that measured to be greater than 30 mg/l: \$1.00.
- (6) Per pound of Fats Oils and Grease (FOG) that measured to be greater than 30 mg/l: \$0.27.

- The sewer charges in Subsection A(1)(c) thru (f) above are based on observed wastewater flow from the customer using a suitable continuous recording device for measuring concentrations of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), suspended solids (SS), Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) and Fats Oils and Grease (FOG).
- If the additional cost associated with industrial general service wastes are not recovered by the large general service rate charges or above surcharges, the City shall have the option to review the effect any user (all classifications) has on the wastewater system and establish adequate charges, if necessary, for the excessive amounts of biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids or other applicable pollutants.

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

