

SECTION 5

305.001

UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE AND CHARGE SYSTEM.

- A. **A Utility Rate Schedule** shall be adopted annually by the City Council.
- B. **Certification.** City ordinance shall also establish the number of certification cycles per year. At least one certification cycle will be timed each year to coincide with McLeod County's requirements for certification to the following year's taxes. Additional certification cycles may be set at the same time as the annual fee schedule ordinance. The City Council shall establish one or more certification cut-off dates. All City utility accounts, unless exempt for other legal reasons, which have been billed a delinquent bill and remain unpaid as of the certification cut-off date, shall have the balance on the account included in a preliminary certification list.
- C. **Establishment of Utility Charge System.**
1. A utility service charge system is hereby established whereby all revenue collected from users of water and sewer facilities will be used to pay all expenditures incurred for annual operation, maintenance, replacement and debt service on capital expenditures incurred in constructing the waterworks and sewer facilities.
 2. Each user shall pay its proportionate share of operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the facilities, based on the user's proportionate use of the waterworks and sewer systems.
 3. Each user shall pay debt service charges to retire local capital costs, as determined by the City.
 4. Revenues collected for water and sewer service shall be deposited in separate funds. Revenues collected will be expended to offset the cost of operation, maintenance and equipment replacement for the facilities and to retire the debt for capital expenditure.
- D. **Establishment of Fees, Rates and Charges.** All fees, rates or charges of any kind or however described as set forth, referred to or contemplated by this ordinance, may be established, modified or changed from time to time by the City Council and shall be effective as of the date set forth in such ordinance or resolution. The establishment of such fees, rates, or charges by the City Council shall supersede any such fees, rates, or charges that may be set forth in this ordinance as of the date of the adoption of the Code.
- E. **Sewer Use Measurement.** Sewer users are served by water utility water meters. There is hereby levied and assessed upon each lot, parcel of land, building or premises having a connection with the wastewater collection system and being served with water solely by the water utility, a sewer service charge based, in part, on the quantity of water used, as measured by the water utility water meter used upon the premises.
- F. **Other Water Usage.** Parties wishing the use of City water for the purpose of flushing sewers, building purposes, concrete work or other purposes where water is taken from hydrants, shall make application to the City Clerk-Treasurer's Office, who shall furnish water for such purposes at its convenience upon at least 24 hours-notice. Public Works Department personnel shall make an estimate of the value of the water used and for the use of hose, according to the schedule established by the City Council for bulk water rates, and his or her time, and shall immediately provide a statement of water statements to the City Clerk-Treasurer.