

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-38

An ordinance to revise the water rate charges for water purchased from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska; to authorize the Beatrice Board of Public Works to establish charges to be paid by property owners for tapping of commercial mains; to repeal Ordinance Number 16-045 and any other conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances; and to provide for publication in electric form and an effective date of this ordinance.

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

**SECTION 1.** The following charges are hereby adopted and established for customers of the Water Works System of Beatrice, Nebraska, based on service charges and monthly consumption;

(a) The monthly service charge will be assessed according to the following schedule:

For Service through 5/8 or 3/4 inch meter.....	\$12.75
For Service through a 1 inch meter.....	\$15.95
For Service through a 1 1/4 or 1 1/2 inch meter.....	\$21.20
For Service through a 2 inch meter.....	\$29.15
For Service through a 3 inch meter or larger.....	\$51.25

(b) Charges for Water furnished in addition to the Service Charges shall be set at \$2.25/1,000 gallons of water usage.

(c) The monthly charge for water from transmission line furnished to Agrium U.S. Inc. and Koch Nitrogen, Inc., pursuant to the contracts between said Companies and the Board of Public Works and amendments thereto shall be as follows: the service charge will be assessed as \$51.25 per month, for the first 100,000 gallons, the rate above in (b) shall apply.

Next.....400,000 gallons.....	\$0.76 per 1,000 gallons
Over....500,000 gallons.....	\$0.53 per 1,000 gallons

(d) The monthly charge for water furnished to the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District and the Village of Filley, Nebraska pursuant to contracts between said political subdivisions and the City of Beatrice, and amendments thereto, shall be as follows:

Service Charge.....	\$51.25
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Charges for Water furnished in addition to the Service Charges shall be set at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

- (e) A charge shall be made for fire hydrants and sprinkler service (unmetered) at the following rate:

Private Fire Hydrants.....	\$95.00 per year
4 Inch Sprinkler Service.....	\$170.00 per year
6 Inch Sprinkler Service.....	\$245.00 per year
8 Inch Sprinkler Service.....	\$330.00 per year

- (f) A monthly infrastructure improvement charge will be assessed according to the following schedule:

For Residential customers.....	\$2.00 per month
For Commercial customers.....	\$3.00 per month

**SECTION 2.** The Beatrice Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to establish the charges to be paid by the owner of any property desiring to connect the same with a commercial main in the City of Beatrice. Such charges shall be based upon the average cost to the Beatrice Board of Public Works for such tapping of commercial mains in the City of Beatrice.

**SECTION 3.** That the charges prescribed and established by this Ordinance shall become effective November 1, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effective until amended or repealed by an ordinance of the City of Beatrice. All billings after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be at the new rates.

**SECTION 4.** That the charges prescribed and establish by this Ordinance in Section 1 Paragraph (c) regarding charges to Agrium U.S., Inc. and Koch Nitrogen, Inc. shall become effective January 1, 2022, and shall remain in full force and effective until amended or repealed by an ordinance of the City of Beatrice. All billings after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be at the new rates.

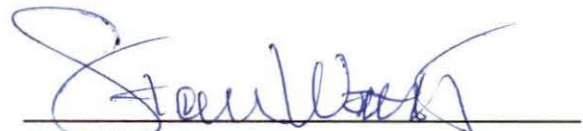
**SECTION 5.** That Ordinance Number 16-045 and any other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

Attest:

  
Erin Saathoff, CMC, City Clerk

  
Stan Wirth, Mayor





**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION OF AGENDA ITEM**

**Subject:** Ordinance Revising Water Rates

**For Agenda of:** September 7, 2021

**Exhibit(s):** Ordinance

**Date Submitted:** September 2, 2021

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**Ordinance to revise the water rate charges for water purchased from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska**

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, City Administrator/General Manager, presented the proposed water rate ordinance to the Board. Tempelmeyer stated there will be an increase in the water consumption rate of \$0.10/1,000 gallons, which would result in an increase to customer water bill of approximately \$0.48/month. The new rates will be effective November 1, 2021, for the usage starting October 1, 2021. Tempelmeyer noted Koch Nitrogen and Agrium's rates will be effective as of January 1, 2022. Linda Koch, Finance Director, noted pursuant to a new state law, residential customers will not be billed sales tax on their water usage.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Leech, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve the ordinance to revise the water rate charges.

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, Coffin, Eskra, Leech, Moran  
Nay: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEBRASKA } SS.  
GAGE COUNTY

Amy Stokebrand being first duly sworn on oath, says

that she he/she is the

Chief Clerk of the

Beatrice Daily Sun, a legal daily newspaper printed

& published in Gage County, Nebraska, and

having a bonafide circulation of more than

300 copies of each issue; that the notice,

a true copy of which is hereto attached

was published on **Saturday the 11th day of September 2021**

of said newspaper had been published in whole

or part in the office of said **county** from which

distribution took place, for more than 52 consecutive

weeks prior to the publication of said notice.

*Amy Stokebrand*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 11th day  
of September, 2021.

Notary Public

*Carol L. Bradley*

My commission expires Jan 29, 2022

1st week..... \$18.09

Balance Due ..... \$18.09

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND  
PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE  
Public notice is hereby given that  
the Mayor and Council of the City of  
Beatrice, Nebraska, at their regular  
meeting on September 7, 2021,  
have passed and approved Ordinance  
Number 21-38 the title of

which reads as follows:

"An ordinance to revise the water  
rate charges for water purchased  
from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska;  
to authorize the Beatrice Board of  
Public Works to establish charges  
to be paid by property owners for  
tapping of commercial mains; to  
repeal Ordinance Number 16-045  
and any other conflicting ordinan-  
ces or parts of ordinances; and to  
provide for publication in electric  
form and an effective date of this  
ordinance."

Said ordinance has been published  
in electronic form at [www.beatrice.ne.gov/ordinances](http://www.beatrice.ne.gov/ordinances). Copies of the  
Ordinance are available at the  
office of the City Clerk, 400 Ella  
Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.  
Erin Saathoff, CMC  
City Clerk  
#1010781  
September 11, 2021

