

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER, USE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM,
AND FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS REPEALING ORDINANCE 151 GO AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN
CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GRAINFIELD, KANSAS, while meeting in regular session and with a quorum present, that:

SECTION 1: For the purposes of providing funds to pay the cost of operation, repairs, maintenance, extensions, enlargements, improvements to and new construction for the water system and sewage disposal system for the City of Grainfield and to provide funds for the payment of loans, revenue bonds, and interest thereon, as may be issued to such water system and sewage disposal system, either severally or jointly, the following charges per meter per month shall be made of each user of said system who make use thereof within the City of Grainfield, commencing with the first billing date after this Ordinance becomes effective.

SECTION 2: Water rates are as follows within city limits:

- a) Minimum charge of **\$30.00** for the meter then **\$3.00** per every thousand gallons used

SECTION 3: Water rates are as follows outside city limits:

- a) Minimum charge of **\$35.00** for the meter then **\$4.00** per every thousand gallons used.

SECTION 4: Bulk water sold will have a \$50.00 hookup fee plus \$10.00 per thousand gallons .

SECTION 5: Sewage disposal rates are as follows:

- a) For the use of the sewage disposal system, there shall be a base charge of **\$32.00** per month.

SECTION 6: Billings and Delinquency:

- a) The charges of the use of the water system and sewage disposal system shall be billed on a monthly basis on or before the last day of each month following the date this ordinance becomes effective, as hereinafter provided, and if such bill is not paid on or before the **twenty-fifth (25th) day by 5:00 p.m. of the following month of issue unless the 25th falls on a weekend then it needs to be paid by 8:00 a.m. the next business day, it shall be considered delinquent on the 26th of the month and the City Clerk shall give notice either by phone call or in writing to such delinquent user that if said bill is not paid by the next billing date, on or before the last day of the each month water service and use of sewage disposal system shall be discontinued for such delinquent user. A \$25.00 late fee shall be added to those bills not paid by the due date.**
- b) Any delinquent user whose service is discontinued shall be subject to a reconnect fee of **\$40.00** and must pay all outstanding balances.
- c) **The meters are read by the city. In the city's discretion, the meters may not be read in the winter months of November to February, and, in this case, the billings in the winter months are assessed the Minimum charge until the March reading when all overage is billed.**
- d) All water leaks on the customer's side of the meter are the responsibility of the customer.
- e) All utility billings will be to the owner of the property being serviced and shall remain the owner's responsibility, even if the property is occupied by a tenant.

- f) The city has no way to disconnect sewer service. For that reason, those that are delinquent with their sewer bill, but have no city water service, will still be charged for monthly sewer fees and a delinquency fee of \$40.00 each month if not paid by the 1st of each month.

SECTION 7: From and after the date this, ordinance is published in the official City Paper, each individual person, firm, partnership, company or corporation who may wish to use either the water system or the sewage disposal system or both, shall make application therefore in writing and file the same with the City Clerk and shall, if required, pay on or before such service is commenced, a non-refundable connect fee of One hundred twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00). **It is up to the landlord to keep the water bill in their name or put it in the name of the renter. If it is put into the renter's name they will be responsible for the \$125.00 non-refundable connect fee. If the renter becomes delinquent on his bill it is the responsibility of the landlord to make sure the water bill is paid each month.**

SECTION 8: If an applicant for water service wants such service delivered at a point not heretofore connected with the water system, said applicant, shall, at the time the application is made, as provided in Section 5 of this ordinance pay a service connection charge of the cost of materials, through which the gallonage of use is measured for determination of charges to be made to and collected from such applicant. A service connection shall include complete installation from the water main up to and including the meter, meter box and meter box lid. Whereupon the City shall proceed to make such installation.

SECTION 9: It is further ordained by the governing body of the City of Grainfield that any ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

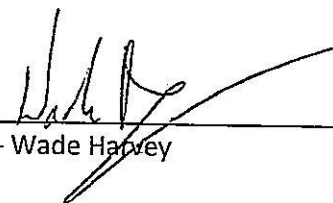
SECTION 10: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on this 12 day of August 2024.

APPROVED:


Mayor-Harvey Heier

ATTEST:


City Clerk- Wade Harvey