

**ORDINANCE NO. 1293**

**CITY OF RALSTON, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING SEWER USE CHARGES BY AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 439 AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALSTON, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

That on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021 the Ralston City Council conducted a regularly scheduled public hearing at which it considered an amendment to Ordinance 439 and the amendments thereto (most recently Ordinance 1259) for the purpose of changing sewer use charges. Upon consideration of said amendment the Ralston City Council amended and restated Ordinance 439 as follows:

Section 1. That the City has, by the passage of Ordinance No. 439 and amendments thereto, established and maintained a sewer system for the benefit of the citizens of Ralston and that the City has established by Ordinance No. 439 and amendments thereto, sewer use charges, rate structure and classes of users.

Section 2. As a result of advances in technology and in consideration of the Interlocal Agreements with Metropolitan Utilities District, it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Ralston and its citizens that sewer use rates and the sewer use rate structure be examined and adjusted from time to time to provide equity to the users and appropriate revenue to the City.

Section 3. Said rates and structure have been developed by a sub committee of the City Council and reviewed by the City's Accountants and a formula has been computed. The structure provides for a combination of a flat monthly charge and a flow charge based upon actual usage as determined by water usage billed by Metropolitan Utilities District. A recent examination by the City Finance Director has determined it to be necessary to adjust the rates previously established.

Section 4. The sewer use rates are hereby established as follows:

- A. Every user of the system shall pay a flat monthly service charge in the amount of Nine and no/100 Dollars (\$9.00);
- B. In addition to the monthly service charge, residential users shall pay a flow charge in the amount of Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$4.73) per hundred cubic foot (ccf), provided, however, that the residential flow charge for the months of May through December will be determined by the average actual usage for the prior months of January through April, unless the actual monthly usage for the months of May through December is less than the average monthly usage for the months of January through April, in which case the flow charge will be based upon the actual usage.

- C. In addition to the monthly service charge, non-residential users shall pay a flow charge in the amount of Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$4.73) per ccf based on actual usage.

Section 5. The sewer use rates shall be reviewed by the City Council annually in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and the charges revised for the next fiscal year based upon responsible fiscal criteria and with the advice of the City Finance Director.

Section 6. The Mayor and Council hereby find and determine that the sewer use rate structure and the charges established by this Ordinance are just and reasonable charges to be paid to the City for the use of such sanitary sewerage system by each person, firm or entity whose premises are served thereby.


Section 7. The foregoing sewer use charges shall be in effect commencing from the date of final passage by the City Council and shall remain in effect until further amended by Ordinance.

Section 8. All provisions of Ordinance No. 439, as amended, which are not in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed; any and all Ordinances or portions thereof which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


Section 9. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2021.

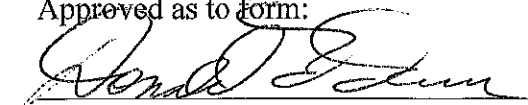
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Mayor



  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Donald F. Ficenec, City Attorney