



# City of MONDOVI

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## **ORDINANCE 0-20-08-01** **City of Mondovi, Wisconsin**

**To amend CHAPTER 19 Public Works, by adding Section 19.08 Annual Wastewater Utility Rates, to be effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.**

**WHEREAS**, repayment ability is essential for the City with its rate structure, which the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) highly encourages and recommends; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mondovi is a member of the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, which highly recommends at least an annual increase in user rates; and

**WHEREAS**, further the USDA RD strongly recommends the commercial and industrial users pay their fair share and way for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Water Services through the rate structure;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONDOVI DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE:** That SECTION 19.08 be added to Chapter 19 to read as follows:

### **SECTION 19.08 ANNUAL WASTEWATER (SEWER) UTILITY RATES.**

- (1) **Purpose.** This Ordinance is adopted to ensure the City is able to repay the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) 2020 loans for its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and rising operational costs. The USDA has recommended the monthly charge should equal at least \$51.66 per month, per user, by the time repayment begins with their respective loan.
- (2) **Monthly Billing Cycle.** Effective February 1, 2021 the City shall discontinue billing its users quarterly and begin billing monthly with a monthly bill in February of 2021, and then every month thereafter. The first two months shall be an estimate of each customers average usage for a month. The third month will include an actual to the total usage by the utility employees conducting a quarterly meter read.
- (3) **Types of Charges.** The Wastewater bill shall be composed of two charges:
  - a. Meter Charge shall be a flat rate amount that is meant to be for the lease, maintenance, meter reading charge, general upkeep of the system and any debt payment needs.
  - b. Usage Charge shall be the water consumption charges minus any deduct meter water usage, and is meant for the actual consumption and treatment of the wastewater, and any debt payment needs:
    - i. The Average, or occupant read meter, amount shall be billed in the following months:
      1. January
      2. February
      3. April
      4. May
      5. July
      6. August
      7. October
      8. November
    - ii. The third month of the quarter will be actual usage meter read by City staff, which may be an additional charge or a credit on their account and shall be read in the following months:

1. March
2. June
3. September
4. December

(4) Annual Rate Increases for 2021, 2022, and 2023. To ensure the rates reach the repayment ability for the utility, the average usage charge shall be billed per month according to section (3) (b) (i) and actual usage according to section (3) (b) (ii), usage column are rates per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. The following rates shall be implemented beginning with the February 1 monthly bill:

a. Single Family Residential Rates. These meters are for water service line meters of up to 1" or the service of not more than two residential units on the same parcel of land:

YEAR	METER	USAGE	
2021	\$20.00	\$9.35	per 1,000 gallons
2022	\$30.00	\$9.65	per 1,000 gallons
2023	\$40.00	\$10.00	per 1,000 gallons

b. Commercial Rates. These meters are for water service line meters greater than 1", but less than 4" and include multi-family or more than two units on the same parcel:

YEAR	METER	USAGE	
2021	\$30.00	\$9.50	per 1,000 gallons
2022	\$40.00	\$10.00	per 1,000 gallons
2023	\$50.00	\$10.50	per 1,000 gallons

c. Industrial Rates. These meters are for water service line meters greater than 4" and/or any meters that serve a private Fire Service or Fire Prevention Device such as building sprinklers:

YEAR	METER	USAGE	
2021	\$40.00	\$9.70	per 1,000 gallons
2022	\$50.00	\$10.40	per 1,000 gallons
2023	\$60.00	\$11.00	per 1,000 gallons

(5) Special Rates/Charges. Customers that discharge wastewater with more than 250 mg/l of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) or more than 250 mg/l of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) will have an individual Industrial User Agreement with charges for both quantity and strength of the wastewater; which is in addition to the industrial rates in section (4) (c) above.

(6) Septage Users. Septage and/or holding tank haulers shall be required to take a sample of each load as directed according to the Wastewater Treatment Plant policies for testing and any Special Charge will be levied for that indicated in Section (5) above. The rates shall be the meter charge in Section (4) (c) above per 1,000 gallons.

(7) Campers and Recreational Vehicles. Customers of the City's Wastewater plant for recreational vehicles shall be charged 25% of the charge listed in section (4) (a) above.

(8) Annual Rate Increases after 2023. All wastewater rates in this section shall increase at the minimum of 3% or the Consumer Price Index for this region, whichever is greater per year, and be effective with the first billing cycle after February 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. This percentage will be rounded up to the next \$0.05 for the usage and meter charges.

(9) Common Council Rate Override. This paragraph is effective after January 1, 2024. The Council may consider overriding section (6) above, the Annual Rate Increase, for the following year, so long as the following steps are completed prior to January 1 of the implementation year:

- a. The City's annual audit is completed for the previous year, and the auditor believes the Wastewater Utility is in sound financial condition, and does not believe an increase is necessary; and
- b. A Resolution read publicly and passed by at least a two-thirds vote of the Common Council to suspend the annual increase at two separate meetings in two different months.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective and enforced upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

SECTION THREE: Severability. If any section of this Ordinance is ruled as unconstitutional, that section ruled unconstitutional shall be removed and the remainder shall exist as if the unconstitutional portion was never adopted.

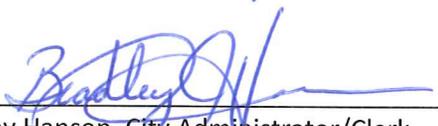
SECTION FOUR: Approved by the Common Council, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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ATTEST:

By:   
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By:   
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