

ORDINANCE NO. 511

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RAISING WATER AND SEWER RATES IN CONFORMANCE WITH A WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY.

WHEREAS, the Town of South Prairie recently obtained a rate study for both its water and sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, this rate study indicated that both utilities are significantly underfunded, such that an immediate and continuing rate increase is needed to keep both utilities solvent; and

WHEREAS, the rate study indicated that a 140% rate increase would be needed to maintain the solvency of the utilities; and

WHEREAS, implementing a 140% rate increase immediately would work a significant financial hardship on ratepayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of South Prairie hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1.

Rates and Charges for Water:

The rates and charges for water shall be based upon a system determined by the size of the pipe and the meter and a volume charge. For the purposes of rate determination, the term referred to below as residential shall be one structure on one tax lot, such as a single-family dwelling, a mobile home, and/or an apartment unit.

Commercial shall be anything other than the above.

The rates as set forth in the "Water Utility Rate Schedule" attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set out in full as Exhibit "A" will take effect immediately.

The consumption charge as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" is an additional charge above the base rate representing the actual consumption of water used for each 100 cubic feet (CCF).

Out of Town Surcharge:

In addition to the monthly base rate and consumption rate, there shall be a 20% (twenty percent) surcharge added to each out-of-town account.

Rates and Charges for Sewer Use:

1. **Residential Rate:**

The Residential Rate set forth in the "Sewer Utility Rate Schedule" attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set out in full as Exhibit "B" will take effect immediately.

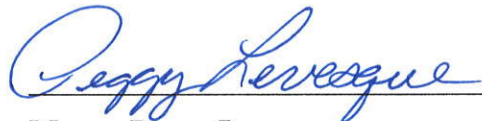
2. **Commercial Rate:**

The Commercial Rate set forth in the "Sewer Utility Rate Schedule" attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set out in full as Exhibit "B" will take effect immediately.

Section 2. Beginning January 1, 2010, water and sewer base rates and consumption rates shall increase by another 10%, and shall thereafter increase by 10% increments each subsequent January 1 until modified by the Town Council.

Section 3. Water and sewer rates and rate increases shown in prior ordinances concerning rates, including Nos. 374, 375, 400, 401, and 403, are superseded.

PASSED IN REGULAR AND OPEN SESSION this 7TH day of APRIL 2009.



Mayor Peggy Levesque

INTRODUCED 4-7-2009

PASSED 4-7-2009

APPROVED 4-7-2009

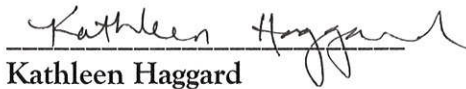
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Attested:

Approved as to form:



Marla Nevill
Town Clerk/Treasurer



Kathleen Haggard
Town Attorney



**TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE
UTILITY RATE SCHEDULE**

		Base Rate Without Consumption									
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
WATER											
Residential	5/8 inch	25.61	28.17	30.99	34.09	37.50	41.25	45.37	49.91	54.90	
Commercial											
	5/8 inch	28.24	31.06	34.17	37.59	41.35	45.48	50.03	55.03	60.53	
	3/4 inch	39.93	43.92	48.32	53.15	58.46	64.31	70.74	77.81	85.59	
	1 inch	63.30	69.63	76.59	84.25	92.68	101.95	112.14	123.35	135.69	
	1.5 inch	121.76	133.94	147.33	162.06	178.27	196.10	215.71	237.28	261.00	
	2 inch	191.90	211.09	232.20	255.42	280.96	309.06	339.96	373.96	411.35	
	3 inch	378.93	416.82	458.51	504.36	554.79	610.27	671.30	738.43	812.27	
	4 inch	589.35	648.29	713.11	784.42	862.87	949.15	1,044.07	1,148.48	1,263.32	
	6 inch	1,173.83	1,291.21	1,420.33	1,562.37	1,718.60	1,890.46	2,079.51	2,287.46	2,516.21	
	8 inch	1,875.22	2,062.74	2,269.02	2,495.92	2,745.51	3,020.06	3,322.07	3,654.27	4,019.70	
Tier 1		2.15	2.37	2.60	2.86	3.15	3.46	3.81	4.19	4.61	
Tier 2		2.42	2.66	2.93	3.22	3.54	3.90	4.29	4.72	5.19	
Tier 3		2.70	2.97	3.27	3.59	3.95	4.35	4.78	5.26	5.79	

Consumption Charge

Consumption Tier Ranges										
5/8 inch	3/4 inch	1 inch	1.5 inch	2 inch	3 inch	4 inch	6 inch	8 inch		
< 10 ccf	< 15 ccf	< 25 ccf	< 50 ccf	< 80 ccf	< 160 ccf	< 250 ccf	< 500 inch	< 800 ccf		
10-20 ccf	15-30 ccf	25-50 ccf	50-100 ccf	80-160 ccf	160-320 ccf	360-500 ccf	500-1000ccf	800-1600ccf		
>20 ccf	>30 ccf	>50 ccf	>100 ccf	>160 ccf	>320 ccf	>500 ccf	>1000 ccf	>1600 ccf		

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SEWER	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Residential Rate	43.80	48.18	53.00	58.30	64.13	70.54	77.59	85.35	93.89

Commercial Rate - Non Food Service or Non Water Intensive Business
Average Water Flow Rate in Winter (Nov-Apr)

<12 ccf	65.70	72.27	79.50	87.45	96.19	105.81	116.39	128.03	140.83
12 to 16 ccf	109.50	120.45	132.50	145.74	160.32	176.35	193.99	213.38	234.72
16 to 20 ccf	153.32	168.65	185.52	204.07	224.48	246.92	271.62	298.78	328.66
20 to 24 ccf	197.12	216.83	238.52	262.37	288.60	317.46	349.21	384.13	422.54

Commercial Rate - Food Service or Water Intensive Business

	Average Water Flow Rate in Winter (Nov - Apr)									
<12 ccf	109.50	120.45	132.50	145.74	160.32	176.35	193.99	213.38	234.72	
12 to 16 ccf	153.32	168.65	185.52	204.07	224.48	246.92	271.62	298.78	328.66	
16 to 20 ccf	197.12	216.83	238.52	262.37	288.60	317.46	349.21	384.13	422.54	
20 to 24 ccf	240.92	265.01	291.51	320.66	352.73	388.00	426.80	469.48	516.43	
24 to 28 ccf	284.72	313.19	344.51	378.96	416.86	458.54	504.40	554.84	610.32	
28 to 32 ccf	328.53	361.38	397.52	437.27	481.00	529.10	582.01	640.21	704.23	
32 to 36 ccf	372.33	409.56	450.52	495.57	545.13	599.64	659.61	725.57	798.12	

RV Park (*)	2,102.58	2,312.84	2,544.12	2,798.53	3,078.39	3,386.23	3,724.85	4,097.33	4,507.07
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(*) This is based on the current wastewater flow calculated at 48 ERU's. It may be subject to change if the flow reates change.

1. All businesses need to be assessed to determine if their activities will affect the operations of the wastewater system.
2. The wastewater rate for Food Service or Water Intensive Businesses need to be evaluated according to flow and waste loading.