

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1184

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING YATES CENTER CITY CODE CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 15-204 CONCERNING SEWER RATES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Yates Center, Kansas:

**Section 1:** That Yates Center City Code Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-204 shall be amended to read as follows:

**Section 15-204. SEWER RATES.**

(a) Each user shall pay for the services provided by the City based on his use of the treatment works as determined by water meter(s) acceptable to the City.

(b) For residential and non-residential contributors, monthly user charges will be based on monthly water usage during the current month. For contributors not connected to the water system, the monthly charge shall be the median charge for all residential contributors. For industrial and commercial contributors, user charges shall be based on water used during the current month. If a commercial or industrial contributor has a consumptive use of water, or in some other manner uses water which is not returned to the wastewater collection system, the user charge for that contributor may be based on a wastewater meter(s) or separate water meter(s) installed and maintained at the contributor's expense, and in a manner acceptable to the City.

(c) The base charge per month shall be \$10.00 for residential customers, \$10.00 for nonresidential customers, and \$25.00 for commercial customers. Each contributor shall pay \$.006896 for each gallon of water use per month as determined in the preceding section. In addition, each contributor shall pay a service charge of \$5.00 per month per meter.

(d) For those contributors who contribute wastewater, the strength of which is greater than normal domestic sewage, a surcharge in addition to the normal user charge will be collected. The surcharge for operation and maintenance including replacement is:

(1) \$0.30 per pound B.O.D.

(2) \$0.25 per pound SS

(e) Any user which discharges any toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or the sludge from the City's treatment works, or any user which discharges any substance which singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost of operation, maintenance, or replacement of the treatment works, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge of each such user shall be as determined by the responsible plant operating personnel and approved by the Council.

(f) The user charge rates established in this article apply to all users of the City's treatment works, regardless of their location.

**Section 2:** Any past Ordinance, including but not limited to Ordinance 1179, in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

**Sections 3:** This Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-204 shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the governing body of the City of Yates Center and after its publication in the official City newspaper as provided by law.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Yates Center, Kansas, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, and approved by the Mayor on such date.



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JUSTIN W. WESTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet Thompson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brian P. Duncan, City Attorney