

ORDINANCE NO. 320

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING UTILITY RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER FOR THE CITY OF GOESSEL, KANSAS,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GOESSEL:

SECTION 1. CGK 15-217 is hereby amended to read as follows:

RATES: (1) Monthly charges for water use by residents of the City of Goessel shall be based upon the size of water meter installed, as follows:

(a) For each 3/4-inch water meter, a minimum charge of \$13.38 per month for which the customer is entitled to 1,000 gallons of water. The customer shall pay \$4.83 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used, up to a total of 5,000 gallons; and for each 1,000 gallons thereafter there shall be a charge of \$5.21.

(b) For each 1-inch water meter, a minimum charge of \$35.00 per month for which the customer is entitled to 5,000 gallons of water. The customer shall pay \$4.83 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used, up to a total of 7,500 gallons; and for each 1,000 gallons thereafter there shall be a charge of \$5.21.

(c) For each 1 1/2 inch water meter and 2-inch meter, a minimum charge of \$55.09 per month for which the customer is entitled to 7,500 gallons of water. The customer shall pay \$4.83 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used, up to a total of 15,000 gallons; and for each 1,000 gallons thereafter there shall be a charge of \$5.21.

(d) For each 4-inch water meter, a minimum charge of \$86.57 per month for which the customer is entitled to 20,000 gallons of water. The customer shall pay \$4.83 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used, up to a total of 40,000 gallons; and for each 1,000 gallons thereafter there shall be a charge of \$5.21.

(2) Monthly charges for water use by users who are not residents of the City of Goessel shall be based upon the size of water meter installed and amount of water used, and shall be charged a sum equal to twice the charge assessed to a resident of the City of Goessel.

(3) In addition to the charges for water established above in parts (1) and (2), there shall be a surcharge for the purpose of servicing and improvements to the municipal water system and to provide for maintenance and upkeep thereon, based on the size of the water meter installed, which shall be billed and shall be payable at the same time as the regular water bill is due and payable as follows:

- (a) For each 3/4 inch or 1-inch water meter, a charge of \$8.00 per month.
- (b) For each 1 1/2 inch or 2-inch water meter, a charge of \$12.00 per month.
- (c) For each 4-inch water meter, a charge of \$16.00 per month.

SECTION 2. CGK 15-330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

WASTEWATER USER CHARGE SYSTEMS; CALCULATION OF USER CHARGE.

(a) Each user shall pay for the services provided by the city based on his or her use of the treatment works as determined by water meters acceptable to the city.

(b) For all contributors, monthly user charges will be based on the average monthly water usage determined during the months of January, February and March, and each contributor's average month water usage shall be established on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May each year. In the event a contributor has not

established a January, February, March average, his or her monthly user charge shall be the average charge of all other residential contributors. In the event a contributor does not use city water, his or her monthly user charge shall also be the average charge of all other residential contributors.

(c) The minimum charge per month shall be \$25.00. In addition, each contributor that is located in the city shall pay a user charge rate for operation and maintenance, including replacement, of \$0.45 per 100 gallons of water (or wastewater) and each contributor that is not located in the city shall pay a user charge rate of \$0.55 per 100 gallons of water (or wastewater), all as determined in paragraph (b) of this Section. Further, every contributor shall pay a sewer maintenance examination fee of \$2.00 per month for each meter used by such contributor.

(d) 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 to each such user shall be as determined by the responsible plant operating personnel and approved by the governing body.

(e) Except as specifically set out herein, the user charge rates established in this article apply to all users of the city's treatment works, regardless of location.

(f) Sewer user charges not paid in the time prescribed by the governing body shall be assessed as a special assessment against the lot or parcel of land on which the sewer user charge was assessed and the city clerk shall, at the time of certifying other city taxes, certify the unpaid portion of the charges, including delinquent fees, and the county clerk shall extend the same on the tax rolls of the county against the lot or parcel of land.

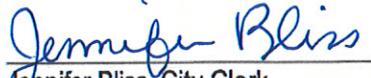
SECTION 3. The rates set forth in this Ordinance and all provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective after the publication of this Ordinance in the official city newspaper and commencing with the next billing cycle of 2026. The previous water rates and wastewater user rates shall remain effective until such date.

SECTION 4. CGK 15-217 and CGK 15-330, together with any other ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AND PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GOESSEL, KANSAS, this \_\_\_\_\_  
12th day of January, 2026.

  
Evan Esau, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance; that said ordinance was passed on the 12th day of January 2026; that the ordinance was published in the Newton Kansan on the 17th day of January, 2026.

Jennifer Bliss

Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 320

SUMMARY

On January 12, 2026 the City of Goessel, Kansas adopted Ordinance 320 which establishes utility rates for water and sewer service beginning February 1, 2026. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at [www.goesselks.com](http://www.goesselks.com) or at City Hall, 101 S. Cedar, Goessel, KS. This summary is certified by Reece Hiebert, City Attorney.



Reece Hiebert

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