

**ORDINANCE NO. 315
CITY OF BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CHARGES FOR SEWER AND WATER CHARGES, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE FOR THIS ORDINANCE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE

WHEREAS, charges for sewer and water use must be adequate to ensure that the costs for the operation, preservation, and maintenance, of the City's sewer system and water system are paid in a timely manner, and that said rates must be changed from time to time as such costs continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Baltic has determined that the rates to be charged for sewer and water services would be more efficient and cost-effective by amending the Ordinances of the City of Baltic to allow for the determination of the charges for sewer and water to be made by resolution of the City Council rather than the more costly and time-consuming process of amending said charges by ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIC, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide that the charges for sewer and water use will be determined by resolution of the City Council from time to time rather than by ordinance.

Section 2. EFFECT.

Title V: Public Works, Chapter 52: Sewers, and Chapter 53: Water, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Baltic, is hereby amended, as follows, with the underscored language in red to be added and the language to be deleted designated by overstrike:

§ 52.06 SEWER USER CHARGE.

- (A) The sewer charge will be determined by the metered water usage, will be proportionate to the services rendered, and involves consideration of the strength and quantity of the sewage. The sewer charge shall be established from time to time by resolution duly adopted by the city council, and which shall provide for a monthly minimum charge. The city council may also by resolution impose a surcharge in addition to the charge determined by metered water usage. The sewer charge for the months of May, June, July, and August, shall be computed based upon the monthly average of the water usage for the preceding January, February, March and April of the same year, or the actual monthly usage, whichever is less, but shall not be less than the monthly minimum charge. The sewer charge shall apply to all uses of the city's sanitary sewer system except as hereinafter provided.

§ 53.04 WATER RATES.

The charge for each consumer taking water from the municipal water system shall be established from time to time by resolution duly adopted by the city council, and which shall provide for a monthly minimum charge. The city council may also by resolution impose a surcharge in addition to the charge determined by metered water usage.

Section 3. VALIDITY.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.


Section 4. ORDINANCE IN FORCE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and recording, as provided by SDCL 9-19-13

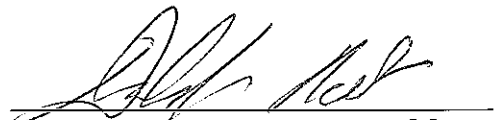
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Finance Officer



Mayor