

ORDINANCE NO 2022-15

A ORDINANCE AMENDING § 52.06 SEWER USER CHARGE TO PROVIDE FOR A SURCHARGE FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PLEDGED FOR PAYMENT OF BORROWER BOND AND YEARLY REVIEW OF RATE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Baltic South Dakota as follows:

1. Section 53.04 of the Baltic Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 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 charge shall be \$8.94 per 1,000 gallons of water usage per month, subject to a monthly minimum charge of \$26.82. 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.
- (B) The monthly and minimum sewer charge described above shall be based on a per residential or commercial unit and not per meter basis, such that if there is more than one user per meter (i.e., rental property, mobile home park, and the like), the charge shall be computed on a per unit or per user basis, and not on a per meter basis. No unit shall pay less than the minimum charge, which is based on the usage of 3,000 gallons.
- (C) In the event there is insufficient information to reasonably calculate the monthly average of water usage for January, February, March, and April of any year, the average shall be based on estimates and calculations prepared by the Finance Officer, again on a per unit or per user basis.
- (D) Sewer charges shall be billed and be due and payable with and as described for water bills, including late fees and interest on unpaid bills.
- (E) In addition to the other charges, the City hereby establishes a surcharge of \$8.15 payable by each customer of its system who receives or benefits from the services of the project financed by the CW-04 loan with the borrower bond. The collection of the surcharge shall start on [REDACTED]. The surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the borrower bond is paid in full, it shall be collected at the same time as other charges of the system, and establish a surcharge account to segregate the income from other system income for book keeping purposes to be pledged to the South Dakota Conservancy District. The surcharge shall be reviewed from year to year and modified in order to provide the required 110 percent debt coverage.

Deborah McIsaac Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hunnel Finance Officer

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Passed:

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Effective:

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS