

ORDINANCE NO. 284

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER RATES,  
AND THE DEBT RETIREMENT RATES FOR THE CITY OF BRAHAM

WHEREAS; Federal, State and Local Standards require the City's Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities to be financially self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Rates, WWTF Debt Retirement and Administrative Flat Fees need to cover the debt and operations costs incurred by Wastewater Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Water Rates, Water Treatment Debt Retirement and Administrative Flat Fees need to cover the debt and operations costs incurred by the Water Treatment Plant and Water Tower; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State legislation require a Drinking Water Service Connection Fee to support the Drinking Water Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, the City will be administering the water and sewer billings; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to administer the billings efficiently and correctly, the City hopes to discourage late payments;

The City Council of the City of Braham, counties of Isanti and Kanabec, Minnesota, hereby ordains that the following charges and rate schedule for the City's Water/Sewer and Debt Retirement and Administrative Flat Fees, and the water/sewer billing fees, in the City of Braham be as follows:

RATES:

FLAT FEES - DEBT RETIREMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND/OR OPERATIONS STANDARD EQUIVALENT CONNECTIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY:

The Flat Monthly Fee for the Wastewater Debt Retirement, Administration and/or Operations shall be billed in the amount of \$5.05 per Standard Equivalent Connection (SEC) based off the SEC Schedule of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission's Standard Equivalent Connections, attached as part of this Ordinance.

Facilities that are not included in the MWCC shall be determined by the City Council as to how many Standard Equivalent Connections (SEC) Units should be charged. This determination shall be made prior to issuance of a building permit.

Structures which contain two or more units shall be charged a combined amount equal to the total number of SEC Units for each facility.

The SEC Unit shall be a whole number, with fractional portions resulting from calculations rounded to the nearest whole number. Each new connection into a City-owned system shall be subject to SEC Unit charges.

FLAT FEE - DEBT RETIREMENT, ADMINISTRATION, AND/OR OPERATIONS MONTHLY FEE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

A flat monthly fee of \$7.50 per residential and commercial unit will be charged for the Debt Retirement, Administration and/or Operations of the Water Treatment Plant. The \$7.50 per residential and commercial unit will not be pro-rated for any units, including multi-family housing. Structures which contain two or more units shall be charged a combined amount equal to the total number of units x \$7.50 per month.

WATER RATE:

**\$4.30** per thousand gallons with a 2,500 gallon minimum per month.

WATER USAGE FEE:

A monthly Water Usage Fee of **\$8.00** will be charged in the following increments:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Increment- gallons</u>	<u># of Usage Fees</u>
0-5,000 g.	5,000 increment	1 Fee
5,001-15,000	10,000 increment	2 Fees
15,001-30,000	15,000 increment	3 Fees
30,001-50,000	20,000 increment	4 Fees
50,001-75,000	25,000 increment	5 Fees
75,001-105,000	30,000 increment	6 Fees
105,001-140,000	35,000 increment	7 Fees
140,001-180,000	40,000 increment	8 Fees
180,001-225,000	45,000 increment	9 Fees
225,001-275,000	50,000 increment	10 Fees

And so on, adding an additional 5,000 g to the previous increment.

Usage Fees for multi-family dwellings will be calculated on a per unit basis.

WASTEWATER RATE:

**\$8.00** per thousand gallons with a 1,000 gallon minimum per month.

WASTEWATER USAGE FEE:

A monthly Sewer Usage Fee of **\$4.00** will be charged in the following increments:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Increment- gallons</u>	<u># of Usage Fees</u>
0-5,000 g.	5,000 increment	1 Fee
5,001-15,000	10,000 increment	2 Fees
15,001-30,000	15,000 increment	3 Fees
30,001-50,000	20,000 increment	4 Fees
50,001-75,000	25,000 increment	5 Fees
75,001-105,000	30,000 increment	6 Fees

105,001-140,000      35,000 increment      7 Fees  
 140,001-180,000      40,000 increment      8 Fees  
 180,001-225,000      45,000 increment      9 Fees  
 225,001-275,000      50,000 increment      10 Fees  
 And so on, adding an additional 5,000 g to the previous increment.

Usage Fees for multi-family dwellings will be calculated on a per unit basis.

METER FEE:

\$2.00 per month

STATE DRINKING WATER FEE:

\$.53 per month

DEBT RETIREMENT MONTHLY FEE – WATER TOWER:

A flat monthly fee of \$3.00 per residential and commercial unit will be charged to help cover the Debt Retirement, Administration and/or Operations for the new Water Tower and Radio-Read Water Meters. The \$3.00 per residential and commercial unit will not be pro-rated for any units, including multi-family housing. Structures which contain two or more units shall be charged a combined amount equal to the total number of units x \$3.00 per month.

CHARGES FOR WATER USAGE AND/OR SEWER USAGE:

	RATE	1,000g	3,500g	5,000g	10,000g	20,000g
Water Rate/1,000 g	\$4.30	\$10.75	\$15.05	\$21.50	\$43.00	\$ 86.00
Water Usage Fee	\$8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$16.00	\$ 24.00
Sewer Rate/1,000 g	\$8.00	\$ 8.00	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$160.00
Sewer Usage Fee	\$4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00
Meter	\$2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
USDA Sewer D.S.	\$5.05	\$ 5.05	\$ 5.05	\$ 5.05	\$ 5.05	\$ 5.05
Water Treatment D.S.	\$7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
Water Tower D.S.	\$3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
State Drinking Water Fee	\$ .53	\$ .53	\$ .53	\$ .53	\$ .53	\$ .53
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$48.83</b>	<b>\$73.13</b>	<b>\$91.58</b>	<b>\$165.08</b>	<b>\$300.08</b>

Where only water service is connected, the water usage will be metered and only the cost of the water service will be billed. The minimum billing will be based upon 2,500 gallons per month plus any flat, base, usage or standard water related charges.

Where only sewer service is connected, the water inflow shall be metered for sewer billing purposes, if possible. In the event the water cannot be metered, the usage will be determined by the Braham Water and Wastewater Department. Only the cost of the sewer service will be billed, and the minimum will be based on 2,500 gallons per month plus any flat, base, usage or standard sewer related charges.

OUTSIDE CITY LIMIT RATES:

Properties outside the Braham city limits that request to hook up to the City’s water and/or sewer services, where available, will be required to annex into the City in order to get the City services. The City shall

allow connection upon payment of the Water Access Charge (WAC) and Sewer Access Charge (SAC), which shall be forfeited to the City if connection is not made within a year from the application date. There shall be an additional charge of fifty percent (50%) of the rates to all pre-existing users outside of the Braham city limits.

NEW CONSTRUCTION SOD WATERING:

New houses will be billed for water only up to the Certificate of Occupancy, and after that, they will be billed in the normal system.

HYDRANT RENTAL:

Hydrant Rentals - \$25.00 per project per hydrant

W/S HOOK-UP:

Hook-up Fee - \$25.00

WATER ACCESS CONNECTION:

\$1,000 per Standard Equivalent Connection (Adopted 6/5/01 & amended 11/5/01)

SEWER ACCESS CONNECTION:

\$2,000 per Standard Equivalent Connection (Adopted 6/5/01 and amended 11/5/01)

RESTORATION, RECONNECTION OR EXPANSION OF SERVICE:

Restoration or re-connection of an existing water or sewer service access will not have an access charge, provided the number of service line access connections have not increased.

Expansions or additional access connections that result in an increase of water or sewer service line access connections will be charged an access fee per equivalent connection for each additional service line access connection.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:

The water access connection charge for sprinkler systems, where the connection to the City's line is only for the purpose of supplying water for a sprinkler system, will be set at the current water access charge of one (1) equivalent connection.

LATE FEES:

The late penalty is \$10 or 10% of the balance due, whichever is higher, plus cost of material and service of the notice of delinquency.

RECONNECTION OF SERVICE:

Reconnection fee is \$55.00 for reconnection during City working hours, and \$150.00 for reconnection after

hours. Reconnections will not be made after 9 p.m., or on Holidays.

NSF CHECK CHARGE:

Any check returned "Non-Sufficient Funds" will result in a \$25.00 NSF Check Charge.

This Ordinance supersedes all contradicting resolutions and ordinances.

Adopted by the Braham City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Patricia Carlson, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sally A. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator