

ORDINANCE NO. 271
Effective January 2013 billing

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 Wastewater Treatment Facility 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.

WASTEWATER RATE:

\$7.60 per thousand gallons with a 1,000 gallon minimum per month.

WATER RATE:

\$3.65 per thousand gallons with a 2,500 gallon minimum per month.

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:

	<u>RATE</u>	<u>1,000G</u>	<u>2,500G</u>	<u>5,000G</u>	<u>7,500G</u>	<u>10,000G</u>	<u>15,000G</u>
Water	\$3.65	\$9.13	\$9.13	\$18.25	\$27.38	\$36.50	\$54.75
Sewer	\$7.60	\$7.60	\$19.00	\$38.00	\$57.00	\$76.00	\$114.00
Meter	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
SEC	\$5.05	\$5.05	\$5.05	\$5.05	\$5.05	\$5.05	\$5.05
Water Treatment	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50

Water Tower	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
State Drinking Water Fee	\$.53	\$.53	\$.53	\$.53	\$.53	\$.53	\$.53
TOTAL	\$34.81	\$46.21	\$74.33	\$102.46	\$130.58	\$186.83	

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 \$9.13 (2,500 gallons) per month plus a \$2.00 meter fee, \$.53 State Drinking Water Fee, a \$7.50 Water Treatment Flat Fee per residential and commercial unit, per monthly billing, with no pro-rating for any units, and a \$3.00 Water Tower Flat Fee per residential and commercial unit, per monthly billing, with no pro-rating for any units.

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 \$19.00 (2,500 gallons) per monthly billing plus \$5.05 per Standard Equivalent Connection based off of the MWCC SEC Schedule.

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:

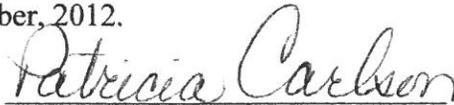
Reconnection fee is \$55.00 for reconnection during City working hours, and \$150.00 for reconnection after hours. Reconections will not be made after 9 p.m., or on Holidays.

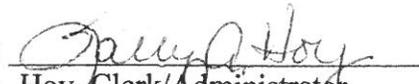
NSF CHECK CHARGE:

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 4th day of December, 2012.


Patricia Carlson, Mayor

Attest: 
Sally A. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator

METROPOLITAN WASTE CONTROL COMMISSION
STANDARD EQUIVALENT CONNECTION CHARGE (SEC) UNITS

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>SEC</u>
ANIMAL CLINIC (humane societies, animal research, boarding, etc.)		
Animal holding areas	17 f.u. (fixture units)	1
Animal runs	34 f.u.	1
ARCHERY LANES (6 feet/lane)	6 lanes	1
ARENAS (bleachers 18 inches/person)	110 seats	1
AUDITORIUMS (7 sq. ft./person)	110 seats	1
AUTOMOBILE SERVICE		
Fast Service (less than 4 hrs. per car)	2 service bays	1
Major Service (more than 4 hrs. per car)	14 employees	1
BALLROOM (exclude dance floor)		
Facility without liquor service	825 sq. ft.	1
Facility with liquore service	590 sq. ft.	1
BANK (exclude cash vault)	2400 sq. ft.	1
BANQUET ROOM (15 sq. ft./person)		
Food Catered	2060 sq. ft.	1
Food Catered with dishwashing	1180 sq. ft.	1
Food Catered with liquor	1028 sq. ft.	1
Food Preparation and dishwashing	825 sq. ft.	1
Food Catered w/dishwashing & liquor	750 sq. ft.	1
Food Preparation, dishwashing w/liquor	590 sq. ft.	1
BARBER	4 chairs	1
BEAUTY SALON	4 cutting stations	1
BINGO HALL (used only for bingo)	110 seats	1
BOARDING HOUSE (dorm rooms)	5 beds	1
BODY SHOP (major service-more than 4 hours per car, no vehicle washing)	14 employees	1
BOWLING ALLEYS (does not include bar or dining area)	3 alleys	1
CAMPS (# gal. x occupant or site)/274)		
Children camps (central toilet and bath; overnight, primitive cabins)	274 gal.	1
(# occupants X 50 gal./occupant)/274 gal.		
Day camps (no meals)		
(# occupants x 10 gal./occupant)/274 gal.		

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Labor/Construction Camps (# occupants X 50 gal./occupant)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
Resorts (housekeeping cabins) (# occupants x 60 gal./occupant)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
Travel Trailer Parks with water & sewer hookup (# sites x 100 gal./site)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
with central toilet & showers (# sites x 75 gal./site)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
sanitary dump (sites w/o hookup) (# sites x 10 gal./site)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
CAR WASH (self service)	1 stall	1
CAR WASH (service station-automatic rollover/brushes)	1 stall	6
CAR WASH (Requires specification on equipment flow rate and cycle time; tunnel-car pulled through) CONTACT MWCC FOR DETERMINATION	274 gal.	1
CHURCHES (for sanctuary, nave, chancel) (7 sq. ft./person-seating area) (remainder use other criteria) (sacristy, ambulatory-no charge)	275 seats	1
COCKTAIL LOUNGE (no food service)	23 seats	1
CORRECTION FACILITY (prison)	2.5 inmates	1
DORM ROOMS On/off campus students (charge additional for classrooms)	5 students	1
DAYCARE (number of children licensed for)	14 children	1
DRY CLEANERS (retail)	3000 sq. ft.	1
ELDERLY HOUSING (100% of current SEC rate) (# of one bedroom units x 1.5 people/unit) plus (# of two bedroom units x 2.0 people/unit) (total # of people/3 people)	3 people	1
EXERCISE AREA/GYM (juice bars-no charge) (sauna, whirlpool incl.)	700 sq. ft.	1
No showers	1060 sq. ft.	1
FIRE STATION (charge for office, meeting rooms, etc. at established rates)		
Washing (hose tower, truck)	274 gal.	1
Full Time (overnight people) (75 gal./person)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
Volunteer (occasional overnight)	14 people	1

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<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>SEC</u>
FUNERAL HOME (charge viewing areas only-chapel, viewing areas, etc.)	770 sq. ft.	1
Apartment (1 apartment)		1
GAME ROOM (billiards, video & pinball games)		
With bar	590 sq. ft.	1
Without bar	2060 sq. ft.	1
GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING (deduct mechanical rooms, elevator shafts, stairwells, restroom and storage areas)	2400 sq. ft.	1
GOLF COURSES (if showers-use locker room criteria)		
18 hole (280 golfers/day x 2.5 gal./golfer)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
Par 3 (168 golfers/day x 2.5 gal./golfer)/274 gal.	274 gal.	1
Country Club (private)		
dining room (evenings & weekends)	15 seats	1
bar & grill (bar & grill separate) bar	23 seats	1
grill	15 seats	1
bar & grill (bar & grill combined)	274 gal.	1
(168 or 280) golfers x 9 gal./person 274 gal.		
GREENHOUSE		
Area not open to public	15000 sq. ft.	1
Area open to public	5000 sq. ft.	1
General retail area	3000 sq. ft.	1
GROUP HOME	5 beds	1
GUEST ROOMS (apartment or condominium) (charge SEC as apartment)		1
Washer/dryer	100% of current SAC rate	
No washer/dryer	80 % of current SAC rate	
No kitchen	50% of current SAC rate	
HANDBALL AND RACQUETBALL COURTS	1 court	2
HOSPITALS (licensed beds or baby cribs) (does not include out-patient clinic)	1 bed	1
Out-patient clinic (plumbing fixture units)	17 f.u.	1
Sterilizers (4 hours x gpm x 60 minutes/274gal)	274 gal.	1
x-ray film processors (continuous operation 9 hrs.) (intermittent operation 4 hrs.) (operation time (hrs) x gmp x 60 minutes/274 gal.)	274 gal.	1
LAUNDROMAT (requires water volume for cycle time 8 cycles/day)	274 gal	1

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<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>SEC</u>
LIBRARY (subtract out book storage areas, file areas-charge common plumbing fixture units) (meeting rooms, board rooms, reception, book checkout, offices)	17 f.u. 2400 sq. ft.	1 1
LOADING DOCK	7000 sq. ft.	1
LOCKER ROOMS (if showers-20 gal./person)	14 lockers	1
MEETING ROOMS (conference rooms)	1650 sq. ft.	1
MINI STORAGE (storage area-no charge) Living area Public restroom (plumbing fixtures)	17 f.u.	1
MOBILE HOME		1
MOTELS AND HOTELS (assume 2 persons/room) (pools, saunas, jacuzzis, game rooms or exercise rooms exclusively used by guests-no charge) Breakfast only (complimentary) Cocktail hours (complimentary) Kitchenettes (# kitchenettes x 10 gal./day/274 gal.)	2 rooms 45 seats 55 seats 274 gal.	1 1 1 1
MUSEUM	2400 sq. ft.	1
NURSING HOME	3 beds	1
POLICE STATION (charge as office) Cells- overnight (jail) # overnight people holding area Cells- no overnight people (holding area)	174 gal. 14 people	1 1
RECORDING/FILMING STUDIOS	7000 sq. ft.	1
RESIDENTIAL Single Family Residences On-site constructed, modular, prefabricated, mobiles Duplexes Multiple Family housing units with individual laundry Multiple Family housing units with common laundry or no laundry	each unit duplex each unit each unit	1 2 1 0.8
RESTAURANT (drive-in)	9 parking spaces	1
RESTAURANT (fast food) (disposable paper plates, glasses and silverware)	22 seats	1
RESTAURANT (full service) (washable silverware, glasses & dishes)	8 seats	1

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RETAIL STORES (deduct mechanical rooms, elevator shafts, stairwells, restrooms and unfinished storage areas)	3000 sq. ft.	1
ROLLER RINK (skating area)	825 sq. ft.	1
ROOMING HOUSES (no food service)	7 beds	1
RV DUMPING STATION (not in association with camp grounds)		1
SCHOOLS (Sunday) (30 sq. ft./student)	55 students	1
SCHOOLS (Elementary) (15gal./student)	18 students	1
SCHOOLS (college, TVI) (30 sq. ft./student)	18 students	1
Lecture halls (15 sq. ft./student)	18 students	1
Labs (50 sq. ft./student)	18 students	1
Dorm rooms (on/off campus students)	5 students	1
SCHOOLS (nursery) (number of children licensed for)	14 students	1
Church (nursery-during worship service only) (30 sq. ft./child)	55 children	1
Nursery (health clubs, bowling alleys, etc.)	2400 sq. ft.	1
SCHOOLS (secondary) (30 sq. ft./student) (20 gal./student)	14 students	1
Labs (50 sq ft./student)	14 students	1
SERVICE STATION (gas pumping only)		1
SERVICE STATION (with service center)	2 service bays	2
SERVICE STATION (with service center & car wash)		8
SWIMMING POOLS (public) (pool area) (private residential, townhouse, condominiums, hotels, motels, or apartments-no charge)	900 sq. ft.	1
TANNING ROOMS	300 sq. ft.	1
TENNIS COURTS (public shower facilities available)	1 court	2
THEATER	64 seats	1
THEATER (drive-in) (parking spaces)	55 spaces	1

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<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>SEC</u>	
VEHICLE GARAGE	Employees stationed in garage	14 employees	1
	Vehicle drivers (per day)	28 drivers	1
	Vehicle washing (# vehicles/day x gpm x minutes/ vehicle)/274 gal.	274 gal	1
WAREHOUSES (assembly areas) (Office/Warehouse (speculative) (must be re-reviewed on finishing permits)	7000 sq ft.	7000 sq ft.	1
	Minimum 30% Office	2400 sq. ft.	1
	Maximum 70% Warehouse	7000 sq ft.	1
WHIRLPOOL (doctors office/clinic, therapy) (# gal./fill x 8 fills/day)/274 gal.	274 gal	274 gal	1
YARD STORAGE BUILDINGS (ex:lumber storage, customer pickup, nor permanent employees)	15000 sq. ft.	15000 sq. ft.	1