

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

~Sewer Use Ordinance~

~Sewer Rates~ and

~User Fee Schedule~

The City of Nevada will hold public hearings to consider modifying the City's Sewer Use Ordinance (Chapter 28 of the City's Code of Ordinances); increasing the City's utility rates for sewer charged to residential, commercial and industrial customers; and setting a User Fee Schedule.

Sewer Use Ordinance:

The City of Nevada implements an approved Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) and from time to time must update the Sewer Use Ordinance to reflect changes to the IPP. The proposed modifications are in response to new Special Conditions (Special Conditions 19-21) in the City's NPDES permit issued by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. See the attached proposed Ordinance.

Sewer Rate Increase:

The sewer rate increases reflect the increasing costs of providing utility services including operating costs, repairs and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and continued improvements to the City of Nevada's sewer system.

The Monthly Sewer Base Service and Volume Rates, current and proposed, are:

Current Rates (Set January 2020)		Proposed Rates	
<i>Basic Rate - Residential</i>		<i>Basic Rate - Residential</i>	
<i>Inside City Limits</i>		<i>Inside City Limits</i>	
Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$14.10	Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$14.54
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.62	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.83
<i>Outside City Limits</i>		<i>Outside City Limits</i>	
Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$15.53	Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$16.01
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$7.30	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$7.53
<i>Basic Rate – Commercial non-metered</i>		<i>Basic Rate – Commercial non-metered</i>	
<i>Inside City Limits</i>		<i>Inside City Limits</i>	
Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$14.10	Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$14.54
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<i>Outside City Limits</i>		<i>Outside City Limits</i>	
Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$15.53	Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$16.01
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$7.30	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$7.53
<i>Basic Rate – Commercial metered</i>		<i>Basic Rate – Commercial metered</i>	
<i>Inside City Limits</i>		<i>Inside City Limits</i>	
Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$14.10	Base Rate (first 1,000 gallons)	\$14.54
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If approved, the new rates will take effect April 1, 2026.

User Fee Schedule:

The proposed User Fee Schedule serves as a cost recovery mechanism that would assist in covering the additional costs of the NPDES Special Conditions referenced above.

The User Fee Schedule, as proposed, is:

Fee Description Per Regulation	Rate
Wastewater Discharge Permit Application Fee (new users or renewals)	\$2,500
Annual Base Activities Fee	Annual Inspection: \$500
Sampling Fee <i>Annual compliance monitoring</i>	Cost from contract laboratory
Additional Administrative Services <i>Permit modifications, enforcement administrative fees, additional monitoring events, mitigation from IU discharges; may include fees from contract services such as consultants.</i>	Permit modification: \$1,500 or hourly rate Enforcement Activities: \$200/hr. (City of Nevada or Contracted Services) for time to administer
Cost Recovery for mitigating pass through or interference to the POTW resulting from User Discharges	Actual cost incurred plus an administrative fee
Operations Charge (Sec. 28-88(c)) <i>PFAS charge for IUs that have been identified as historically contributing significant PFAS loading to the City and have been required to reduce loadings.</i>	\$7,000 quarterly charge
Hauled Wastewater	\$0.04/gallon
Conditionally Authorized Discharges <i>Non-routine discharges/unusual industrial waste (Sec.28-55). Cost per gallon in addition to standard sewer rates.</i>	\$0.04/gallon
Lift Station Operations Charges <i>Monthly fee for operation of lift stations constructed on private property and taken over by the City.</i> <i>Replacement parts, equipment, equipment rental, labor, contractor costs, hourly costs for cleaning, etc. for repairs and maintenance of the lift station and connected sewer lines.</i>	\$2,500/month Actual cost incurred

If approved, the new rates will take effect April 1, 2026.

The hearings will take place during the regularly scheduled City Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday January 20, 2026** and **Tuesday March 3, 2026**. The hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 120 S Ash. Written public comments for this public notice period must be submitted by 4:00 pm on **March 3, 2026** to the City Clerk at 110 S. Ash, Nevada Missouri, 64772.

Any person with any questions about the proposed Ordinances may contact the City Manager at 417-448-5101.

Handicapped citizens needing accommodation in order to attend these public hearings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 417-448-5102, no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

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City of Nevada