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City adopts tiered water rates for residential customers

The City of Hastings is implementing a three-tiered water rate system for residential customers to promote conservation.

Members of the Hastings City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 4839 during their regular meeting on Aug. 24, updating rates for water use.

The progressive system would reduce rates for the smallest consumption tier.

The updated rates were recommended by Utility Department staff following a cost of service study conducted by consultant John Krajewski with JK Energy Consulting.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2026, the cost for residential rate customers will be:

- **\$1.79** per ccf for the **first 5 ccf**. One ccf (100 cubic feet) equals 748 gallons of water. This is a 20-cent decrease from the previous rate of \$1.99 per CCF.
- **\$2.09** per ccf for the **next 25 ccf**, which is a 10-cent increase from the previous rate.
- **\$2.42** per ccf for anything in excess of **30 ccf**, which is a 43-cent increase from the previous rate.

The 5 ccf level is roughly the amount of indoor water a typical residential household consumes indoors year-round.

Based on these tiers, users with less than 15 ccf of consumption will pay less with the new rate structure.

The rate adjustments, which may vary slightly by customer class, are intended to generate the 1.5% revenue increase collectively over all classes except one:



The class for customers on the old Community Municipal Services (CMS) water system, which serves a portion of the former U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot east of Hastings and was taken over by Hastings Utilities a number of years ago.

According to the ordinance, the CMS area will see a three-year stretch of 10% annual increases to cover the cost of service in that territory.

A tiered rate system is part of a municipal water conservation plan the City of Hastings submitted to the Little Blue Natural Resources District, which encompasses most of Adams County and the city of Hastings. The NRD is working to address declines in the underground water table within its territory.

The ordinance includes 1.5% annual rate increases in fiscal year 2027 through fiscal year 2030 to ensure adequate cash flow and avoid larger rate increases later. The 5 ccf tier for residential rate payers within the corporate limits of Hastings will remain \$1.79 per ccf through 2030.