

ORDINANCE NO. 456

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR WATER CONSUMPTION AND SEWER USE IN THE CITY OF SARGENT, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 419; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: The Sanitary Sewer System Mains of Sargent, Nebraska, were made of concrete and installed in 1937, and inspection of the system indicated the need to replace the sanitary sewer collection system and;

WHEREAS: The City of Sargent has completed a Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$3,200,000 and;

WHEREAS: United States Dept. of Agriculture-Rural Development requires that the City of Sargent's water system and sewer collection system generate adequate revenue to cover all operating and maintenance expenses, bond debt payment and the reserve account payments. These systems will also be self-sufficient with no other funds being transferred over from any other City accounts to show a positive cash flow.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Sargent, Nebraska:

Section 1) The following water rate schedule relative to water consumption for the City of Sargent is determined as follows:

- a. Residential and Commercial Customers within the City Limits
\$15.50 per month plus \$1.25 per 1000 gallons water used
- b. Residential and Commercial Customers outside City Limits
\$20.50 per month plus \$1.35 per 1000 gallons water used
- c. Residential and Commercial services with zero water usage shall be billed \$5.00 per month within the City Limits and \$7.50 per month outside City Limits
- d. Property owners will not be charged minimum water rates if City Maintenance workers are given written notice to remove the water meter. If the water meter remains there will be a \$5.00 charger per month. Water service may be resumed upon written application by the User to the City Utility Office and after payment of the applicable installation charge is paid in full which is non-refundable and as follows:

Meter installation charge:

¾" meter	\$ 50.00
1" meter	50.00
2" meter	495.00
3" meter	1,015.00
4" meter	3,450.00
Meter Pits	400.00 Plus all installation expenses
- e. Property owners that require new services (meters installed after project completion) will be responsible for the entire cost of installation of required water meter.
- f. If for any reason the water meter shall fail, water consumption will be calculated as an average of the previous six (6) months.

Section 2) The following sewer rate schedule for sewer usage relative to water consumption for the City of Sargent is determined as follows:

For the purpose of this section, **winter-months** shall mean the months of November, December and January. **Occupied** shall mean any service having water usage.

- a. Residential and Commercial Customers in City Limits
\$20.50 per month plus \$1.35 per 1000 gallons water used based on a three (3)

winter-month average usage of the occupied property

- b. Residential and Commercial Customers Outside City Limits
\$26.25 per month plus \$1.35 per 1000 gallons water used based on a three (3) winter-month average usage of the occupied property
- c. All services with sewer connections and water meters installed will be billed the minimum rate of \$20.50/month within the City or \$26.25/month outside City Limits regardless of whether building or property is occupied or there is actual water usage.
- d. Property owners can forego monthly sewer charges if City Maintenance workers are given written notice to remove the water meter, or no water usage for a three month period. Water service can be resumed upon written application of the User and the applicable water meter installation charge is paid in full as listed in Section 1(d).
- e. If there is no usage during any one of the three (3) winter-months, the average will be calculated using any three of the previous twelve (12) months with the lowest actual usage.

Section 3) All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4) This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from and after its passage according to law and shall be published in pamphlet form.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of April 2010.

Mayor Mick Kozeal

ATTEST:

City Clerk Gwenda Horkey