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**ORDINANCE NO. 1106**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS, AMENDING SECTION 15-429 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS, RELATING TO RATES FOR USERS OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, AND REPEALING THE EXISTING SECTION 15-429 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS,** as follows:

**Section 1. Section 15-429 Amended.** Section 15-429 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15-429. WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT CHARGES.**

(a) **Definitions.** The following terms and phrases, as used in this Section 15-429 of the Code of the City, shall have the meanings hereinafter designated:

- (1) "Billing Period" means a period of time between the dates a Meter is read, which will usually equal approximately one month.
- (2) "Business Unit" means one separate Business Unit located in a Multi-Unit Commercial Center.
- (3) "City Sewer System" means the system operated by the City that collects Sewage from Premises occupied by Users and delivers the Sewage to the City's sewer treatment plant.
- (4) "Dwelling Unit" means one separate Dwelling Unit located in a Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex.
- (5) "Extra-strength User" means Users who discharge to the City Sewer System greater than domestic strength Sewage, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) methodology stipulated in 40 C.F.R. Part 136 Analysis Procedures.
- (6) "Flow Meter Device" means a device that is approved by the City that measures the flow of Sewage discharge from the User's Premises to the City Sewer System.
- (7) "Heavy Discharge User" means a Heavy User who has a Flow Meter Device.
- (8) "Heavy Users" means non-residential Users of the City Sewer System who contribute over 1,000 gallons per day of less than or equal to normal domestic strength Sewage.
- (9) "Meter" means a mechanical device which measures and records water furnished to a User.
- (10) "Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex" means a single building of one or more stories, containing two or more Dwelling Units where an individual Dwelling Unit can be accessed from common areas on floors other than the ground floor.

- (12) "Premises" means a tract of land.
- (13) "Sewage" means a combination of water-carried waste from Users, together with ground water, surface water and storm water that may be present in the City Sewer System.
- (14) "User(s)" means a person, corporation, governmental unit or any other legal entity having a connection between the Premises the User occupies and the City Sewer System.

(b) Users, except Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex Users, Multi-Unit Commercial Center Users, and other Users as set forth below, will pay a base rate per Billing Period for wastewater collection and treatment in accordance with **Table 1**, regardless of whether City water passes through a Meter to the User.

(c) A wastewater collection and treatment volume charge per Billing Period will be assessed against Users, except Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex Users, Multi-Unit Commercial Center Users, and other Users as set forth below whose water usage exceeds 999 gallons as measured by a Meter in accordance with the rates set in **Table 1**.

**Table 1: Sewer User Rates**

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b><u>Base Rate based on Meter size</u></b>					
5/8" & 3/4"	33.15	36.63	40.48	44.73	49.42
1"	66.30	73.26	80.95	89.45	98.85
1 1/2"	99.45	109.89	121.43	134.18	148.27
2"	132.60	146.52	161.91	178.91	197.69
3"	165.75	183.15	202.38	223.64	247.12
4"	198.90	219.78	242.86	268.36	296.54
6"	232.05	256.42	283.34	313.09	345.96
<b><u>Volume Rate (\$/1,000 gal of metered water consumption)</u></b>					
1,000 to 4,999 gallons	2.15	2.38	2.63	2.91	3.21
5 to 50,999 gallons	2.43	2.69	2.97	3.28	3.62
51-250,999 gallons	2.71	2.99	3.31	3.65	4.04
251,000 or more gallons	3.26	3.60	3.98	4.40	4.86

(d) In addition to the wastewater collection and treatment charges assessed in **Table 1** above, Users, except for Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex Users, Multi-Unit Commercial Center Users, and other Users as set forth below, will pay, per Billing Period, a Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rate in the amount set forth in **Table 2**, regardless of whether water passes through a Meter to a User and Users, except for Multi-

Story Multi-Family Residential Complex Users and Multi-Unit Commercial Center Users will pay, per Billing Period, a Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Volume Rate in the amount set forth in **Table 2** for water usage that exceeds 999 gallons per Billing Period.

(e) Users, except Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex Users, Multi-Unit Commercial Center Users, and other Users as set forth below, will pay the rates and charges set forth in Sections 15-429(b), (c), and (d).

**Table 2: Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rates & Volume Charges**

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b><u>Base Rate based on Meter</u></b>					
5/8" & 3/4"	4.42	4.88	5.40	5.96	6.59
1"	8.84	9.77	10.79	11.93	13.18
1 1/2"	11.05	12.21	13.49	14.91	16.47
2"	13.26	14.65	16.19	17.89	19.77
3"	16.58	18.32	20.24	22.36	24.71
4"	19.89	21.98	24.29	26.84	29.65
6"	22.10	24.42	26.98	29.82	32.95
<b><u>Volume Rate (\$/1,000 gal of metered water</u></b>					
1,000 to 4,999 gallons	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.16
5,000 to 50,999 gallons	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25
51,000-250,999 gallons	0.22	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.33
251,000 or more gallons	0.28	0.31	0.34	0.37	0.41

**Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential & Multi-Unit Commercial**

(f) The owner or management company of a Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex will pay, per Billing Period, a Base Rate per Dwelling Unit located in the Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex for wastewater collection and treatment that equals the Base Rate set out in **Table 3**, regardless of whether water passes through the Meter.

(g) The owner or management company of a Multi-Unit Commercial Center will pay, per Billing Period, a Base Rate per commercial Business Unit located in the Multi-Unit Commercial Center, for wastewater collection and treatment that equals the Base Rate set out in **Table 3**, regardless of whether water passes through the Meter.

(h) A wastewater collection and treatment volume rate will be assessed against owners or management companies of Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complexes and Multi-Unit Commercial Centers, per Billing Period, when water usage exceeds 999 gallons as measured by a Meter, in accordance with the rates set in **Table 3**.

**Table 3: Multi-Unit Commercial & Multi-Family Multi-Story Residential User Base Rates & Volume Charges**

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b><u>Base Rate per unit</u></b>					
Multi-Story Multi -Family	19.89	21.98	24.29	26.84	29.65
Multi-Unit Commercial	33.15	36.63	40.48	44.73	49.42
<b><u>Volume Rate (\$/1,000 gal of metered water consumption)</u></b>					
1,000 to 4,999 gallons	2.15	2.38	2.63	2.91	3.21
5,000 to 50,999 gallons	2.43	2.69	2.97	3.28	3.62
51,000-250,999 gallons	2.71	2.99	3.31	3.65	4.04
251,000 or more gallons	3.26	3.60	3.98	4.40	4.86

(i) The owner or management company of a Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex will pay, per Billing Period, a Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rate per Dwelling Unit located in the Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex for wastewater collection and treatment that equals the Base Rate as set out in **Table 4**, regardless of whether water passes through the Meter.

(j) The owner or management company of a Multi-Unit Commercial Center will pay, per Billing Period, a Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rate per commercial Business Unit located in the Multi-Unit Commercial Center, for wastewater collection and treatment that equals the Base Rate as set out in **Table 4**, regardless of whether water passes through the Meter.

(k) A Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Volume Rate will be charged to owners of Multi-Family Residential Complexes and Multi-Unit Commercial Centers per Billing Period when water usage exceeds 999 gallons as measured by a Meter in accordance with the rates set in **Table 4**.

(l) The owner or management company of a Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Complex will pay the rates and charges set forth in Sections 15-429(f), (h), (i), and (k). The owner or management company of a Multi-Unit Commercial Center will pay the rates and charges set forth in Sections 15-429(g), (h), (j), and (k).

**Table 4: Multi-Unit Commercial & Multi-Story Multi-Family Residential Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rates & Volume Charges**

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b><u>Base Rate per unit</u></b>					
Multi-Story Multi -Family	4.42	4.88	5.40	5.96	6.59
Multi-Unit Commercial	4.42	4.88	5.40	5.96	6.59

**Volume Rate (\$/1,000 gal of metered water consumption)**

1,000 to 4,999 gallons	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.16
5 to 50,999 gallons	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25
51-250,999 gallons	0.22	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.33
251,000 or more gallons	0.28	0.31	0.34	0.37	0.41

(m) Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users.

- (1) The flow of Sewage from the Premises of Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users to the City Sewer System will be measured using a Flow Meter Device.
- (2) Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users will pay, per Billing Period, the Extra-Strength User Fee and the Heavy Discharge User Fee set forth in **Table 5**.
- (3) Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users are required to apply for a Wastewater Discharge Permit. The once per Billing Period fee for Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users, in lieu of the Base Rate set forth in **Table 1**, will be set and billed, per Billing Period, based on the estimated monthly average discharge from the Premises to the City Sewer System, as set forth in the Wastewater Discharge Permit Application times the Volume Rate per gallons that exceeds 999 gallons as set forth in **Table 6**.
- (4) Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users, in lieu of the Volume Rate set forth in **Table 1**, will pay, per Billing Period, the Volume Rate that exceeds 999 gallons as set forth in **Table 6**.
- (5) In addition, Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users will pay, per Billing Period, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rate and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Volume Rate that exceed 999 gallons as set forth in **Table 2**.
- (6) Extra-Strength Users will pay, per Billing Period, the fees and charges set forth in Sections 15-429(m)(2), (3), (4), and (5).

**Table 5: Extra-Strength User & Heavy Discharge User Fees**

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Extra-Strength User Fee	88.40	97.68	107.94	119.27	131.80
Heavy Discharge User Fee	132.60	146.52	161.91	178.91	197.69

**Table 6: Extra-Strength Users and Heavy Discharge Users, rates in lieu of Volume Rate Fees in Table 1.**

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b><u>Volume Rate (\$/1,000 gal for 999 gal or more)</u></b>	3.36	3.71	4.10	4.53	5.01

(n) Heavy Users.

- (1) Heavy Users will pay, per Billing Period, the Base Rate set forth in **Table 1** and the Volume Rate that exceeds 999 gallons set forth in **Table 1**.
- (2) Heavy Users will also pay the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Base Rates and Volume Rates that are more than 999 gallons set forth in **Table 2**.

(o) For billing purposes, Meter readings and Flow Device Meter readings will be rounded down to the nearest thousand.

(p) Rates and charges will be adjusted on an annual basis on each December 31<sup>st</sup> as set forth in **Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6**.

(q) Rates for Customers Outside the City Limits of the City.

- (1) Customers serviced by the City's Sewer System at locations outside the corporate limits of the City shall pay a Base Rate equal to 150% of the minimum Base Rate charge paid by Customers per Meter, based on Meter size within the City limits.
- (2) Additional charges for water usage of more than 999 gallons per Billing Period shall be charged at the same Volume Rate as paid by Customers within the City.

**Section 2. Repeal.** The existing Section 15-429 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is repealed.

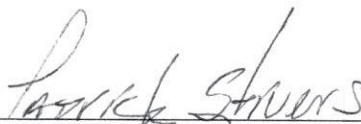
**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2026.

**Section 4. Publication.** This ordinance will be published once on the City of Maize, Kansas website, the official City newspaper.


PASSED by the Governing Body and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Maize, Kansas on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2025.



  
Sue Villarreal, City Clerk

  
Pat Stivers, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

  
Tom Powell, City Attorney