

ORDINANCE 3620

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE BARTLESVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, BILLING, AND FEES FOR SERVICES IN THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the City of Bartlesville's water and wastewater operating fees to pay for operations, maintenance, and capital projects for fiscal year 2026-27 and; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA; that

Effective July 1, 2026, the following sections of Chapter 20 of the Bartlesville Municipal Code be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 20-56. - Rates and billing.

(a) The following charges shall apply for water delivered from the city municipal water system to consumers within the corporate limits of the city:

(1) For accounts with meters smaller than 3 inches the charge per 1,000 gallons of Billable flow will be:

Usage	July 1, 2026
0-2,000	0.00
2,001-10,000	5.33
10,001-25,000	5.89
25,001-50,000	6.43
>50,000	6.98

(2) For accounts with meters 3 inches or larger the charge per 1,000 gallons of Billable flow will be:

July 1, 2026
5.33

Sec. 20-57. - Service charges.

(a) In addition to the charges set out in Section 20-56, each customer shall be billed:

(1) A monthly meter service charge for each meter based on the size of the meter, as follows:

Meter Size	July 1, 2026
Less than 1"	20.97
1"	52.44
1.5"	104.86
2"	167.77
3"	314.58
4"	524.30
6"	1048.59
8"	1677.74
10"	2696.28

(2) A water capital investment fee of \$2.63 per 1,000 gallons of billable flow beginning July 1, 2026.

- (b) Consumers located outside the municipal limits shall pay rates provided in sections 20-56 and 20-57 multiplied by one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) or as provided by a contract for water service with the city.
- (c) A late payment penalty shall be applied to each account which has not paid the bill in full within twenty (20) days of the date of the bill.

Sec. 20-251. - Charges, designated.

(a) When sewer service is furnished to water consumers, the sewer service charge shall be based upon metered water consumption as shown by the water meters on the various dwelling or business units in accordance with this title, or upon the sewage discharge as shown by the direct sewage metering system where such system has been installed and approved by the city, or upon a fair and reasonable determination of the percentage of metered water returned to the sewer collection system. Such percentage determination shall be established for a specific, defined category of users.

(b) Monthly bills for sewer service shall be based upon water consumption except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section. Rates are hereby established for all users in three (3) parts:

- (1) Unit charge for flows based upon water consumption; and
- (2) A billing charge based upon the overhead and administrative costs of billing and accounting.
- (3) An additional unit charge also based upon water consumption and restricted for use in wastewater system improvements, titled "Wastewater Capital Investment Fee."

(c) The billing charge shall be applied to all users equally regardless of the volume of metered water.

(d) Pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, the following charges shall be applied to all users of the sanitary sewer system:

- (1) Unit charge per one thousand (1,000) gallons of billable flow shall be:

July 1, 2026
4.50

- (2) Billing charge per customer per month shall be:

July 1, 2026
18.30

- (3) Wastewater capital investment fee per one thousand (1,000) gallons of billable flow shall be:

July 1, 2026
4.50

(e) Sewer service charges for residential customers on bills issued on approximately January 1, February 1, March 1, and April 1, shall be based on a volume equal to the metered water consumption on the same bill. Sewer service charges for bills issued the remaining eight (8) months of the year shall reflect a charge for sewer volume equal to the lowest of:

- (1) The actual water metered for the same period; or

- (2) One and two-tenths (1.2) times the average water consumption for the lowest three (3) of the four (4) bills issued on approximately January 1, February 1, March 1, and April 1, except that if the actual consumption in any of those months is lower than two thousand (2,000) gallons, then two thousand (2,000) gallons shall be used in computing the average and in the case of a new resident where no average for the customer is available, the average shall be assumed to be seven thousand (7,000) gallons.
- (f) Sanitary sewer service charges for all customers other than residential customers shall be based on a volume equal to the metered water consumption reflected on the same bill unless there is installed at the customer's expense a meter for measuring the sewer volume discharged into the sanitary sewer system.
- (g) Consumers located outside the municipal limits shall pay rates provided in sections 20-251 multiplied by one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) or as provided by a contract for wastewater service with the city.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2026.

JSC

Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk



VOTE:

MR. SHERRICK	aye	<input checked="" type="radio"/> no
MR. EAST	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
MR. KIRKPATRICK	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
VICE MAYOR DORSEY	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no
MAYOR CURD	<input checked="" type="radio"/> aye	no