



RESOLUTION 2025-20
ADOPTING WATER, SEWER, and BULK WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

A RESOLUTION by the City of Hill City, Pennington County, South Dakota, adopting a water and sewer rate adjustment for the continuation of providing the water and sewer system as a public utility for the City of Hill City.

WHEREAS, the City of Hill City provides utility services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City must operate the water and sewer funds as self-sustaining enterprise funds, which requires a review of rates to ensure the rates reflect the operating costs of providing utility services to the City of Hill City; and

WHEREAS, rates have been reviewed, and it has been determined that the water system, water improvement fee, sewer system, and sewer improvement fee rate should be adjusted.

WHEREAS, the City is obligated to generate sufficient debt repayment services for water and sewer improvement projects, loan payment surcharges are incorporated until the debt is retired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hill City, South Dakota that these rates are set as follows until such time a new rate resolution is adopted:

ADMINISTRATION:

All water and sewer account holders will be billed monthly per the attached tables, with a 1000-gallon minimum. Monthly service includes both a fixed monthly meter fee, regardless of usage, and a volume-based rate. Additionally, loan repayment surcharges will similarly incorporate a fixed monthly surcharge, regardless of usage, and a volume-based surcharge. Water usage measured by a second meter for agricultural usage is exempt from sewer charges.

RESIDENTIAL RATES:

Residential Fixed Meter Fee	Fixed Water Fee [\$ /month]		Water Debt Surcharge [\$ /month]	Fixed Sewer Fee [\$ /month]		Sewer Debt Surcharge [\$ /month]
First Meter Fee	\$ 8.94		\$ 3.81	\$ 15.06		\$ 14.63
Second Meter Fee	\$ 8.94		\$ 3.81			

Residential Usage Steps	Water Use [\$ /1000 gal]	Water Improvement [\$ /1000 gal]	Water Use Surcharge [\$ /1000 gal]	Sewer Use [\$ /1000 gal]	Sewer Improvement [\$ /1000 gal]	Sewer Use Surcharge [\$ /1000 gal]
<2,000 gallons	\$ 7.31	\$ 2.05	\$ 3.11	\$ 11.09	\$ 2.45	\$ 10.76
2-6,000 gallons	\$ 7.52	\$ 2.11	\$ 3.20	\$ 11.42	\$ 2.52	\$ 11.09
>6000 gallons	\$ 7.98	\$ 2.24	\$ 3.40	\$ 12.11	\$ 2.67	\$ 11.76
Second Meter						
<20,000 gallons	\$ 7.98	\$ 2.24	\$ 3.40			
20-40,000 gallons	\$ 8.22	\$ 2.31	\$ 3.50			
>40,000 gallons	\$ 8.72	\$ 2.45	\$ 3.72			

The minimum Residential total (rates and surcharges) for the first 1000-gallons is: \$79.20. (\$25.22 for water and \$53.98 for sewer.)

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NON-RESIDENTIAL RATES:

Fixed Non-Residential Meter Tier	Fixed Water Fee [\$/month]		Water Debt Surcharge [\$/month]	Fixed Sewer Fee [\$/month]		Sewer Debt Surcharge [\$/month]
<2,000 gallons	\$ 9.94		\$ 4.23	\$ 16.74		\$ 16.25
2-6,000 gallons	\$ 11.92		\$ 5.08	\$ 20.09		\$ 19.50
6-20,000 gallons	\$ 17.17		\$ 7.31	\$ 28.92		\$ 28.08
20-40,000 gallons	\$ 29.67		\$ 12.64	\$ 49.98		\$ 48.52
> 40,000 gallons	\$ 61.52		\$ 26.20	\$103.63		\$ 100.62
Second Meter	\$ 9.94		\$ 4.23			

Non-Residential Usage Steps	Water Use [\$/1000 gal]	Water Improvement [\$/1000 gal]	Water Use Surcharge [\$/1000 gal]	Sewer Use [\$/1000 gal]	Sewer Improvement [\$/1000 gal]	Sewer Use Surcharge [\$/1000 gal]
<2,000 gallons	\$ 7.69	\$ 2.16	\$ 3.28	\$ 11.67	\$ 2.58	\$ 11.33
2-6,000 gallons	\$ 7.92	\$ 2.22	\$ 3.37	\$ 12.02	\$ 2.65	\$ 11.67
6-20,000 gallons	\$ 8.40	\$ 2.36	\$ 3.58	\$ 12.75	\$ 2.81	\$ 12.38
20-40,000 gallons	\$ 9.18	\$ 2.58	\$ 3.91	\$ 13.93	\$ 3.07	\$ 13.53
> 40,000 gallons	\$ 10.33	\$ 2.90	\$ 4.40	\$ 15.68	\$ 3.46	\$ 15.23
Second Meter						
<20,000 gallons	\$ 8.40	\$ 2.36	\$ 3.58			
20-40,000 gallons	\$ 9.18	\$ 2.58	\$ 3.91			
> 40,000 gallons	\$ 10.33	\$ 2.90	\$ 4.40			

DEFINITIONS:

Non-Residential Determination: Non-Residential accounts are defined as commercial zoned properties, businesses, government agencies, non-profits, multi-unit facilities using a shared meter, Bed & Breakfasts operating in Residential zoning, non-owner occupied properties, and nightly vacation rentals as defined by HCMC Ordinance 2022-03.

Non-Residential Tiered Meter Fee and Surcharge: Non-Residential account holders will be assigned a fixed tier for the entire year based on the average of the highest two consecutive months' usage. This Tier will be used to determine fixed fees and surcharges applicable all 12-months of the year.

Water Usage Steps: Volume usage will be calculated on an escalating step basis, with the first 2000 gallons charged at Step 1 combined rates, the next 4000 at Step 2 combined rates, and so on.


BULK WATER RATES:

HCMC 8.20.00 Non-Potable Water Rate delivered via Bulk Water System \$0.04000 per gallon

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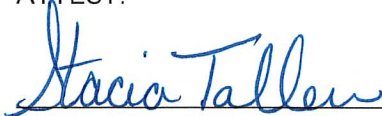
This resolution is hereby approved and effective upon the passage and publication thereof. The effective date of the rate change is January 1, 2026. City of Hill City, South Dakota staff is hereby authorized and directed to implement the fees in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

DATED this 8th day of December 2025.



Tana Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacia Tallon, Finance Officer



Adopted: December 8, 2025
Published: December 17, 2025
Effective Date: January 1, 2026

