ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 17-413 OF THE CHEROKEE MUNICIPAL CODE 2021, INCREASING THE WATER RATES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16TH, 2025; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 17-522 INCREASING THE SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16TH, 2025; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 17-601 INCREASING THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL RATES; REMOVING THE SUMMER RATES; REPEALER; SAVINGS; CODIFICATION; SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, OKLAHOMA:

Section I: Chapter 18, Section 17-413 of the Cherokee Municipal Code 2021 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Section 17-413 Water Rates

A. Water Rates.

Without regard to the service period, all Residential Consumers billed for water service mailed by the City of Cherokee after August 16, 2025, shall provide for payment of the following monthly rates and minimum charges:

For the first 3,000 gallons	\$57.10 (base rate) ¹
For over 3,000 to 4,000 gallons	\$4.76 per thousand gallons
For over 4,000 to 5,000 gallons	\$5.07 per thousand gallons
In excess of 5,000 gallons	\$5.36 per thousand gallons

Without regard to the service period, all Residential Consumers billed for water service mailed by the City of Cherokee after August 16, 2024, shall provide for payment of the following monthly

¹ The minimum Fee of \$57.10 is if the utility customer has a 5/8" meter. The following minimums shall apply if the customer's water meter is larger:

%" meter size	\$57.10
1" meter size	\$142.75
1.5" meter size	\$285.50
2" meter size	\$456.80
3" meter size	\$999.25
4" meter size	\$2,855.00
6" meter size	\$2,855.00

amended and shall read as follows: Section 17-522 Sewer Rates

A. Sewer Rates.

Without regard to the service period, all customers billed for sewer service by the City after August 16, 2025, shall provide for payment of the following monthly rates and minimum charges:

Base rate to include 3,000 gallons	\$19.46 (minimum fee)
For over 3,000 to 4,000 gallons	\$4.17 per 1000 gallons
For 4,000 to 5,000 gallons	\$4.47 per 1000 gallons
In excess of 5,000 gallons	\$4.76 per 1000 gallons

After August 1, 2021, the sewer tap fee shall be Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) with the customer responsible to pay for any road or street bore, if applicable.

Without regard to the service period, all customers billed for sewer service by the City after August 16, 2024, shall provide for payment of the following monthly rates and minimum charges:

Base rate to include 3,000 gallons	\$18.89 (minimum fee)
For over 3,000 to 4,000 gallons	
	\$4.05 per 1000 gallons
For 4,000 to 5,000 gallons	\$4.34 per 1000 gallons
In excess of 5,000 gallons	\$4.63 per 1000 gallons
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B. Summer Rates

Customers can sign up for summer rates for the months of April through August of the current year. Rates will be charged the same until a customer uses 7,000 gallons of water. Customer will receive a one-time credit that will be applied to the customer's bill received in September.

Section III: Chapter 18, Section 17-601 of the Cherokee Municipal Code 2021 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Section 17-601 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Rates

Without regard to the service period, all customers billed for solid waste collection and disposal services by the City after August 16,2025, shall provide for payment of the following monthly charges:

Service Desired	Current Rate	New Rate
Residential 1 polycart	\$ 22.88	\$23.56
Residential 2 polycart	\$32.02	\$32.98
Residential 3 polycart	\$42.68	\$43.96
Residential 4 polycart	\$53.37	\$54.97
Commercial 1 polycart	\$25.93	\$26.71

included herein.

Section VIII. EMERGENCY. WHEREAS, it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, safety and public good of the City and the inhabitants thereof that the provisions of this Ordinance be put into full force and effect in order to immediately amend these utility rates; By reason whereof, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect after its passage, as provided by law.

Approved and executed this 9th day of July 2025.

THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, OKLAHOMA

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