

ORDINANCE 270

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARSON, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 92.02 ENTITLED “RATES FOR SERVICE” AND BY AMENDING SECTION 99.02 ENTITLED “RATE”; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Carson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 92 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 92.02 entitled “Rates For Service” and to amend Chapter 99 of the Code of Ordinances by amending section 99.02 entitled “Rate”.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 92.02. Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carson, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

92.02 RATES FOR SERVICE. Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City and to customers outside the corporate limits of the City which the City has agreed to serve:

(Code of Iowa Sec. 384.84)

Gallons Used Per Month	Rate
0 gallons up to 1,000 gallons	\$12.67 (minimum bill) per month
All gallons over 1,000 gallons	\$11.89 per 1,000 gallons or per each portion of a 1,000 gallon increment.

Every customer is required to have a City water meter installed. Sales tax shall be added to all water bills as required by Iowa law.

Any properties within the corporate limits of the City on which there is located any building or structure with a connection to the water service of the City shall be billed and shall pay at least the amount of the minimum bill per month regardless of whether or not (i) the building or structure is occupied; (ii) any person currently resides in the building or structure; or (iii) the water curb stop is turned off to the building or structure.

On or before the 1st day of February of each year, the City Clerk shall compute a proposed adjustment to the water rates based on multiplication of the current rate by a factor equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) as established by the Federal Government for the preceding twelve (12) month period of January 01 through December 31. This adjustment shall be submitted to the City Council at the first Council meeting in February. Any rate adjustment shall go into effect on July 1st of each year following the passage and publication of the ordinance adopting the adjustment.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 99.02. Section 99.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carson, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

99.02 RATE. Each customer shall pay sewer service charges in the following amounts:
 (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. Residential Users and Commercial Users shall pay sewer service charges at the following monthly rates:

Gallons Of Water Used Per Month	Rate
0 gallons up to 1,000 gallons	\$38.09 (minimum bill) per month
All gallons over 1,000 gallons	\$8.16 per 1,000 gallons or per each portion of a 1,000 gallon increment.

The service charge shall be applied to the quantity of water used by each Residential User and by each Commercial User for each individual water meter reading of the City, and by such privately owned water supplies as may contribute to the sewerage system.

2. Users within the City limits who have private well water will be charged for sewer service charges each month calculated at the rates as stated in subsection 99.02(1). Residential Users within the City limits who have private well water will be charged each month an average sewer fee based on the average water usage per number of individuals living in the household. The City shall estimate the amount of water use either by agreement with the customer or by metering the water system at the customer's expense. Any negotiated or agreed upon sales or charges shall be subject to approval of the Council.

3. Any properties within the corporate limits of the City on which there is located any building or structure with a connection to the water service of the City shall be billed and shall pay at least the amount of the minimum bill per month regardless of whether or not (i) the building or structure is occupied; (ii) any person currently resides in the building or structure; or (ii) the water curb stop is turned off to the building or structure.

Section 3. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law, as of November 15, 2025.

Passed by the Council on first reading the 8th day of September, 2025.

Passed by the Council on second reading the 13th day of October 13, 2025.

Passed by the Council on third reading the 10th day of November, 2025 and directions to the City Clerk to publish the Ordinance as approved.

Bret Sherkenbach, Mayor

Attest: Kristina Hansen, Interim City Clerk