

RESOLUTION 2026-10

Amending Water and Sewer Rates

The following was moved by Councilperson Ester, seconded by Councilperson Baublitz to adopt:

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca may adjust the water and sewer rates by resolution pursuant to Ordinance Number 50; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca finance staff, with the assistance of Municipal Analytics and Waterworth utility software, conducted Water and Sewer Rate Analyses in order to evaluate and develop rates and charges that best meet the City's goals and objectives and are fair and equitable to users of the systems; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the rates to sustain the systems on a long-term basis, provide financial stability, equity, regulate water quality, repair and upgrade aging infrastructure, continue to meet State of Michigan water and sewer system regulations, remain economically competitive and charge the fairest rates to all users; and

WHEREAS, users of the systems will be billed on a monthly or quarterly basis depending on customer classification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2026, users of the systems shall be billed according to customer classification as determined by the water department and the water and sewer rates shall be amended to be:

Customers shall pay a Base Ready-To-Serve charge plus the Per Gallon Rate of:

Monthly Billed Sewer Rates:

Residential Classed Customers within the City Limits:

Per Gallon Rate:

\$5.58 per 1,000 gallons up to 167,000 gallons
\$3.83 per 1,000 gallons over 167,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8":	\$ 5.22 per month
Meter Size 1":	\$ 9.30 per month
Meter Size 1.50":	\$ 20.88 per month
Meter Size 2":	\$ 37.11 per month
Meter Size 3":	\$ 83.50 per month
Meter Size 4":	\$ 148.42 per month
Meter Size 6":	\$ 333.99 per month
Meter Size 8":	\$ 593.77 per month

Residential Classed Customers Outside the City Limits:

Per Gallon Rate:

\$11.16 per 1,000 gallons up to 167,000 gallons
\$ 7.64 per 1,000 gallons over 167,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8":	\$ 10.44 per month
Meter Size 1":	\$ 18.58 per month
Meter Size 1.50":	\$ 41.75 per month
Meter Size 2":	\$ 74.21 per month
Meter Size 3":	\$ 167.00 per month
Meter Size 4":	\$ 296.83 per month
Meter Size 6":	\$ 667.97 per month
Meter Size 8":	\$1,187.52 per month

Unmetered Sewer Charge: Within City Limits: \$38.76 Outside City Limits: \$77.52

Monthly Billed Water Rates:

Residential Classed Customers within the City Limits:

Per Gallon Rate:

\$9.12 per 1,000 gallons up to 167,000 gallons
\$5.01 per 1,000 gallons over 167,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8": \$ 5.80 per month
Meter Size 1": \$ 10.33 per month
Meter Size 1.50": \$ 23.19 per month
Meter Size 2": \$ 41.22 per month
Meter Size 3": \$ 92.74 per month
Meter Size 4": \$ 164.84 per month
Meter Size 6": \$ 370.95 per month
Meter Size 8": \$ 659.48 per month

Residential Classed Customers Outside the City Limits:

Per Gallon Rate:

\$17.37 per 1,000 gallons up to 167,000 gallons
\$ 9.56 per 1,000 gallons over 167,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8": \$ 11.60 per month
Meter Size 1": \$ 20.64 per month
Meter Size 1.50": \$ 46.37 per month
Meter Size 2": \$ 82.42 per month
Meter Size 3": \$ 185.48 per month
Meter Size 4": \$ 329.68 per month
Meter Size 6": \$ 741.89 per month
Meter Size 8": \$1,318.94 per month

Quarterly Billed Sewer Rates:

Non-Residential Classed Customers within the City Limits: **Non-Residential Classed Customers Outside the City Limits:**

Per Gallon Rate:

\$5.58 per 1,000 gallons up to 500,000 gallons
\$3.83 per 1,000 gallons over 500,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8": \$ 15.66 per quarter
Meter Size 1": \$ 27.87 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50": \$ 62.63 per quarter
Meter Size 2": \$ 111.31 per quarter
Meter Size 3": \$ 250.49 per quarter
Meter Size 4": \$ 445.25 per quarter
Meter Size 6": \$1,001.96 per quarter
Meter Size 8": \$1,781.29 per quarter

Per Gallon Rate:

\$11.16 per 1,000 gallons up to 500,000 gallons
\$ 7.64 per 1,000 gallons over 500,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8": \$ 31.32 per quarter
Meter Size 1": \$ 55.74 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50": \$ 125.25 per quarter
Meter Size 2": \$ 222.63 per quarter
Meter Size 3": \$ 500.98 per quarter
Meter Size 4": \$ 890.49 per quarter
Meter Size 6": \$2,003.91 per quarter
Meter Size 8": \$3,562.57 per quarter

Unmetered Sewer Charge: Within City Limits: \$116.21 Outside City Limits: \$232.41

Quarterly Billed Water Rates:

Non-Residential Classed Customers within the City Limits: **Non-Residential Classed Customers Outside the City Limits:**

Per Gallon Rate:

\$9.12 per 1,000 gallons up to 500,000 gallons
\$5.01 per 1,000 gallons over 500,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8": \$ 17.39 per quarter
Meter Size 1": \$ 30.96 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50": \$ 69.56 per quarter
Meter Size 2": \$ 123.63 per quarter
Meter Size 3": \$ 278.21 per quarter
Meter Size 4": \$ 494.52 per quarter
Meter Size 6": \$1,112.84 per quarter
Meter Size 8": \$1,781.29 per quarter

Per Gallon Rate:

\$18.23 per 1,000 gallons up to 500,000 gallons
\$10.03 per 1,000 gallons over 500,000 gallons

Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8": \$ 34.78 per quarter
Meter Size 1": \$ 61.90 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50": \$ 139.11 per quarter
Meter Size 2": \$ 247.26 per quarter
Meter Size 3": \$ 556.42 per quarter
Meter Size 4": \$ 989.03 per quarter
Meter Size 6": \$2,225.67 per quarter
Meter Size 8": \$3,956.81 per quarter

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2026 other water and sewer sales and service charges to be amended are as listed:

Bulk Water Rate*: \$500.00 + \$16.54 per 1,000 gallons or (\$0.01654 per gallon) + \$30 Admin Fee per each two (2) week time period) *Cost for damage to meter equipment or hydrant will be charged replacement cost + \$30.00 Admin Fee

Service Turn On Fee: \$30.00

Service Turn Off Fee: \$30.00 (Customer Base Ready to Serve Charge will still apply for each billing period)

Delinquent/Discontinuance Fee: \$25.00 applied to unpaid accounts in service discontinuance process

Service Call Charge: \$60.00

After Hours* Service Call (including Turn On or Turn Off) Fees: \$200.00

* (determined by water/sewer department normal business hours) Excludes Turn On for Non-payment Discontinuance

Meter Testing Fee: \$60.00 (prepayment required, performed by water department)

New Meter Fee: Meter Replacement Cost (current market price) + Labor if set by City (frozen meter, customer request for replacement, damage due to customer or any person interference, etc.)

Water Service Tap Fee 1" Service Line with 5/8" meter: \$2,000.00 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

Water Service Tap Fee 1" Service Line with 1" meter: \$2,200.00 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

Water Service Tap Fee 2" Service Line with 2" meter: \$3,700.00 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

Water Service Tap Fee 2" Service Line with 2" compound meter: \$2,200.00 + Actual Meter Cost (includes transmitter & permit fee)

Water Service when no Tap is Needed: \$ 525.00 (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

Sewer Service Tap Fee – Local Street: \$ 800.00 + Street Repair cost (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

Sewer Service Tap Fee – Major Street: \$1,000.00 + Street Repair cost (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

Water/Sewer Utility Permit: \$80.00

Excavation/Utility Permit: \$80.00 (all excavation projects including service line repairs)

Irrigation Meter: Second Meter 1" line: \$250.00 + Actual Meter and Transmitter cost. Normal billing rates apply once installed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rates will continue to be analyzed and adjusted annually through a water and sewer rate analyses and applied to the usage starting July 1st and forward of each fiscal year.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Andrew, Endter, Ester, Hubbard, Vernon, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Roethlisberger

Resolution is declared ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk