

**RESOLUTION NO 2024-12**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING WATER RATES IN THE CITY OF SALEM, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**WHEREAS**, Salem, South Dakota, Code of Ordinances Title 8 Chapter 8.0207 – Water Rates allows for the amending of water rates by resolution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Section 8.0207 (A, B, & C) of the Revised Municipal Ordinances of Salem, SD is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.0207 Water Rates.

- A. The water consumers inside the City Limits shall pay the following water rates to the City of Salem, South Dakota per calendar month.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Flat Fee	\$ 35.70	minimum charge
Flat Fee (Senior Citizens Living Alone On Social Security)	\$ 32.70	minimum charge
Charge per gallon	\$ 0.005	per gallon

Provided however, that in no case shall the water bill for any calendar month be less than \$35.70 per month or \$32.70 per month for senior citizens living alone on social security, which is the minimum monthly rate.

- B. COMMERCIAL USERS OVER 48,000 CUBIC FEET ANNUALLY

Flat Fee	\$ 38.70	minimum charge
Charge per gallon	\$ 0.004	per gallon

Provided however, that in no case shall the water bill for any calendar month be less than \$38.70 per month, which is the minimum monthly rate. The High-End Commercial users will be established by their previous year's usage. If over 360,000 gallons is used in the previous year, the above rates will be used the next year. Once a rate is determined, it will be in effect for the entire year. The usages of the Commercial accounts will be analyzed each year.

- C. The following water rates shall be paid by water consumers outside the city limits of the City of Salem, South Dakota for water received from the City water mains:

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Flat Fee	\$ 38.70	minimum charge
Flat Fee (Senior Citizens Living Alone On Social Security)	\$ 35.70	minimum charge
Charge per gallon	\$ 0.005	per gallon

Provided however, that in no case shall the water bill for any calendar month be less than \$38.70 per month or \$35.70 for senior citizens per month living alone on social security, which is the minimum monthly rate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City does hereby find that the above rate is necessary for the immediate support of municipal government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect on the January 1, 2025, bill (December 2024 usage).

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

(SEAL)

Ron Mayrose  
Council President

ATTEST:

Lori Heumiller  
Finance Officer

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