

## WASTEWATER RATE ORDINANCE

Effective May 1, 2025

This ordinance sets forth the rates established to provide wastewater service to the customers of the Worth County Interchange 214 Sanitary Sewer System.

### Wastewater Rates:

**Section 1 – Minimum Monthly Charge.** Fixed costs for yearly operation of the wastewater system shall be determined by the Worth County Board of Supervisors (County) on an annual basis during its regular budgeting process. Upon establishment of the total fixed costs for yearly operation, each existing wastewater customer will be assessed a minimum monthly charge based upon the customers pro-rata share of the fixed costs. The pro-rata share shall be determined by a three (3)-year rolling average of metered water usage, rounded to the nearest tenth of one percent, with a \$50 minimum monthly charge as a base.

For Fiscal Year 2025 (7/1/2024-6/30/2025), the three-year average pro-rata share of the existing customer usage is as follows:

| Customer                                                | % of Total System Usage |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Diamond Jo Worth, LLC                                   | 69.2%                   |
| Worth County Hospitality, LLC- DBA Country Inn & Suites | 23.0%                   |
| Kum & Go                                                | 7.8%                    |
| Northwood Hospitality, LLC – DBA Holiday Inn Express    | 0%                      |

For Fiscal Year 2025 (7/1/2024-6/30/2025), the budgeted fixed cost for yearly water system operation is \$169,000.

| Customer                                                | Minimum Monthly Charge |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Diamond Jo Worth, LLC                                   | \$9,745.00             |
| Worth County Hospitality, LLC- DBA Country Inn & Suites | \$3,239.17             |
| Kum & Go                                                | \$1,098.50             |
| Northwood Hospitality, LLC – DBA Holiday Inn Express    | \$0                    |

**Section 2 – Commodity Charge.** Variable costs for yearly operation of the wastewater system shall be recovered through a commodity charge. Such commodity charges will be assessed for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage by the customers of the system.

For Fiscal Year 2025 (7/1/2024-6/30/2025), the commodity charge shall be as follows:

Commodity charge - \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used

Wastewater rates are based on typical strength waste and the following maximum loadings:

BOD ≤ 350 mg/L  
TSS ≤ 400 mg/L  
TKN ≤ 70 mg/L  
Fat, Oil, Grease (FOG) 100 mg/L

A surcharge shall be applied to the wastewater charge for all waste discharged in excess of the allowed loadings at the following rates:

BOD \$0.89/lb. in excess of 350 mg/L  
TSS \$0.89/lb. in excess of 400 mg/L  
TKN \$0.50/lb. in excess of 70 mg/L  
FOG \$1000 each incident in excess of 100 mg/L

**Section 3 – Capital Improvement Fee.** In order to retire existing debts related to purchase and/or capital improvement costs of the wastewater system, the following fees will be assessed for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage by the customers of the system:

For Fiscal Year 2025 (7/1/2024-6/30/2025), the debt service fee shall be as follows:

Capital Improvement Fee - \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used

**Section 4 – New Customers.** New customers of the system shall pay the equivalent pro-rata share of the fixed cost for an existing customer based on projected water usage for a three (3) year probationary period while actual metered water usage is determined. Upon completion of the probationary period, new customers shall be reclassified as existing customers and shall pay fixed costs in accordance with Section 1 of this ordinance. All metered water usage for new wastewater customers will incur commodity charges and debt service fees based upon Section 2 and Section 3 above.

**Section 5 – Mandatory Connection.** The owners of any houses, buildings or structures used for human occupancy, employment or use, situated within the designated sanitary sewer service area are hereby required to connect such facilities to the Worth County Interchange 214 Sanitary Sewer System.

Northwood Hospitality, LLC dba Holiday Inn Express will be assessed a minimum monthly charge beginning July 1, 2026, regardless of whether they connect to the sewer system or not.

**Section 6 – Connection Fees.** There shall be connection charges and fees paid to reimburse the County for costs borne by the County in making sanitary sewer service available to the property served. Such charges and fees will be based upon the costs incurred by the county which include, but are not limited to, design, materials, construction, and installation of sanitary sewer service to the proposed connection.

**Section 7 – Severability.** If any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or other 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, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or other part hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.