

ORDINANCE #2026-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ELKHART CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 92 TO PROVIDE FOR NEW WATER RATES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKHART, IOWA

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Elkhart Code of Ordinances Chapter 92 to provide for new water rates from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Elkhart Code of Ordinances Chapter 92 is amended by replacing current Section 92.02 with the following:

92.02 RATES FOR SERVICE. Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

1.

Water Rates	7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027	7/1/2027 to 6/30/2028	7/1/2028 to 6/30/2029	7/1/2029 to 6/30/2030	7/1/2030 to 6/30/2031
Monthly Service Access Charge					
5/8 x 3/4-inch water meter	\$ 24.44	\$ 26.64	\$ 29.04	\$ 31.65	\$ 34.50
1-inch water meter	\$ 29.33	\$ 31.97	\$ 34.85	\$ 37.99	\$ 41.41
1 1/2-inch water meter	\$ 34.20	\$ 37.28	\$ 40.64	\$ 44.30	\$ 48.29
2-inch water meter	\$ 43.99	\$ 47.95	\$ 52.27	\$ 56.97	\$ 62.10
3-inch water meter	\$ 58.67	\$ 63.95	\$ 69.71	\$ 75.98	\$ 82.82
4-inch water meter	\$ 73.33	\$ 79.93	\$ 87.12	\$ 94.96	\$ 103.51
All Usage Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.94	\$ 8.65	\$ 9.43	\$ 10.28	\$ 11.21
Minimum Monthly Bill 1. (includes the first 3,000 gallons)	\$ 48.26	\$ 52.59	\$ 57.33	\$ 62.49	\$ 68.13

2. The water rate shall increase by 12% effective for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Beginning July 1, 2027, rates will increase at a rate of 9.0% annually for fiscal years 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030, and 2030-2031. As a result of the annual review of rates, as detailed in Section 92.09 of this Ordinance, the Council may choose to adjust the monthly unit rate as necessary. Such rate adjustments shall be approved by ordinance of the City Council.

3. Bulk Rates. A bulk usage charge for water shall include a \$75.00 fee and \$10.00 for each 1,000 gallons used.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of these ordinances are hereby repealed.

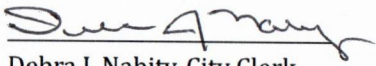
SECTION 4. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

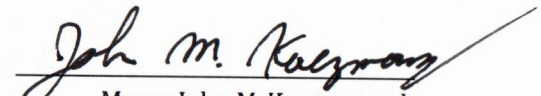
SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in effect on July 1, 2026, after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Elkhart, on the 15th day of June 2026, and approved this 15th day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ELKHART, IOWA


Debra J. Nabity, City Clerk


Mayor John M. Kaczmarczyk