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ORDINANCE NO. 1534

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-121 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO RETAIL WATER RATES FOR WATER SOLD BY THE CITY OF BALDWIN CITY; AND MAKING SUCH CHANGE EFFECTIVE WITH THE FEBRUARY 2026 BILLING.

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WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence notifies the City each December of the rates for raw water and treated water for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 15-121.

Section 15-121 of the Code of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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The rates for water consumed by retail customers of the City water utility shall be as follows:

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(B) Effective February 1st of each year thereafter, all water rates shall be adjusted in accordance with the annual Municipal Cost Index (MCI).

(C) Debt service fee is figured on a three-year average of total debt service.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council, approval by the Mayor of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, and publication in the official City newspaper.

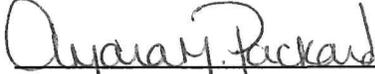
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, this 17th day of February, 2026.

APPROVED:



Gerald Cullumber, Mayor

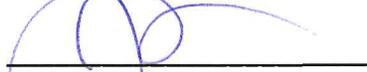
ATTEST:



Amara Packard, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jessica Wortham, City Attorney

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State of Florida, County of Orange, ss:

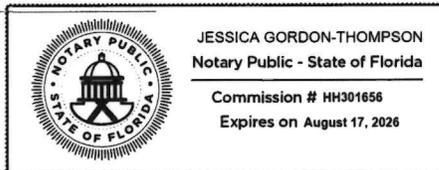
Ankit Sachdeva, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That (s)he is a duly authorized signatory of Column Software, PBC, duly authorized agent of Lawrence Journal-World, that this daily newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Douglas County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a daily basis in Douglas County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication, and which newspaper has been admitted to the mails as periodicals class matter in said County, and that a notice of which is hereto attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of the Lawrence Daily Journal-World.

Said newspaper is published six days per week, 52 weeks per year; has been so published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice and been admitted at the post office of Lawrence in said County as second class matter.

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for 1 consecutive days/weeks the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on Feb. 20, 2026 with publications being made on the following dates: 02/20/2026

Ankit Sachdeva

(Signed)



VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Orange

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: **02/20/2026**

J. Ra

Notary Public
Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

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