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ORDINANCE NO. 1535

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that the Wastewater Utility must establish and maintain a suitable cash reserve to accommodate system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the city has debt service obligations to fund, as well as an obligation to continue enhancement, improvement, and repair to the City's wastewater collection system that will require increased debt service obligations; and

WHEREAS, such increased expenses and commitments must be offset by wastewater rate increases:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, that:

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- i. Effective February 1, 2026 a monthly customer charge of \$16.00 per meter plus \$12.31 per meter for each 1,000 gallons of water used per water meter.
- ii. Effective February 1st of each year thereafter, all sewer rates shall be adjusted in accordance with the annual Municipal Cost Index (MCI).

Section 2. Relevant portions of the City Code in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to resolve such conflict.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body 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 FROM:


Jessica Wortham, City Attorney

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Florida, County of Orange, ss:

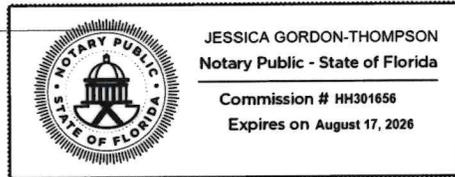
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That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for 1 consecutive days/weeks the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on Feb. 20, 2026 with publications being made on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

Notary Public
Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

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