

ORDINANCE NO. 26-3472

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTIONS 7-901, 7-902, AND 7-903 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE PERTAINING TO WATER RATES AND PROHIBITIONS OUTSIDE WATERING DURING PEAK HOURS AND WATER WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTIONS 7-901, 7-902, AND 7-903.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 7-901 of the City Code of the City of Abilene, Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

7-901. Residential water rates.

- (a) Water Rates for Residential Customers. The water rates for residential customers shall consist of (i) a monthly minimum fixed charge and (ii) volumetric charges based upon the quantity of water used during each billing period, as set forth below.

- (b) Monthly Minimum Fixed Charge (Inside City Limits). All residential customers shall be billed at the standard residential (¾-inch) meter rate. The monthly minimum fixed charge for residential service within the city limits, shall be effective as follows:
 - 1. The rates designated for calendar year 2026 shall first become effective with the February 2026 billing cycle; and
 - 2. The rates designated for each subsequent calendar year 2027 through 20230 shall become effective with the January 15 billing cycle of the applicable calendar year.

The applicable monthly minimum fixed charges are as follows:

Year	Fixed Charge
2026	\$26.60
2027	\$29.00
2028	\$31.61
2029	\$34.46
2030	\$37.57

- (c) Volumetric Charges (Inside City Limits). In addition to the monthly minimum fixed charge, residential customers shall pay volumetric charges for water used during each billing period, calculated by tier based upon total monthly usage, as follows:

- Tier 1: Up to and including 4,000 gallons per month;
- Tier 2: 4,001 through 10,000 gallons per month; and
- Tier 3: All usage in excess of 10,000 gallons per month.

The volumetric charges per 1,000 gallons of water used, shall be effective as follows

1. The rates designated for calendar year 2026 shall first become effective with the February 15, 2026 billing cycle; and
2. The rates designated for each subsequent calendar year 2027 through 2030 shall become effective with the January 15 billing cycle of the applicable calendar year.

The applicable volumetric charges are as follows:

Tier	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1	\$4.54	\$4.95	\$5.40	\$5.89	\$6.43
2	\$6.81	\$7.43	\$8.10	\$8.83	\$9.63
3	\$13.62	\$14.85	\$16.19	\$17.65	\$19.24

- (d) Residential Customers Outside City Limits. The monthly minimum fixed charge and volumetric charges for residential customers located outside the city limits shall be two (2) times the rates established in this section for residential customers located within the city limits.
- (e) Rates During Declared Water Emergency. During a declared Water Emergency pursuant to Article 10, the volumetric charges for residential water use above 10,000 gallons, both inside and outside the city limits, shall be two (2) times the rates established in this section.

SECTION 2. Section 7-902 of the City Code of the City of Abilene, Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

7-902. Commercial water rates; dedicated irrigation service rates.

- (a) Water Rates for Commercial Customers. The water rates for commercial and dedicated irrigation customers shall consist of (i) a monthly minimum fixed charge based upon meter size and (ii) volumetric charges based upon the quantity of water used during each billing period, as set forth below.
- (b) Monthly Minimum Fixed Charge (Inside City Limits). Each commercial customer shall pay a monthly minimum fixed charge based upon the size of the meter serving the premises. The monthly minimum fixed charge for commercial service within the city limits, shall be effective as follows:

1. The rates designated for calendar year 2026 shall first become effective with the February 15, 2026 billing cycle; and
2. The rates designated for each subsequent calendar year 2027 through 2030 shall become effective with the January 15 billing cycle of the applicable calendar year.

The applicable monthly minimum fixed charges are as follows:

Meter	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
¾"	\$26.60	\$29.00	\$31.61	\$34.46	\$37.57
1"	\$40.56	\$44.22	\$48.20	\$52.54	\$57.27
2"	\$117.34	\$127.91	\$139.43	\$151.98	\$165.66
4"	\$445.41	\$485.50	\$529.20	\$576.83	\$628.75
6"	\$982.88	\$1,071.34	\$1,167.77	\$1,272.87	\$1,387.43

(c) Volumetric Charges (Inside City Limits). In addition to the monthly minimum fixed charge, commercial customers shall pay the volumetric charges for all water used during each billing period. The volumetric charge per 1,000 gallons of water used, shall be effective as follows:

1. The rates designated for calendar year 2026 shall first become effective with the February 15, 2026 billing cycle; and
2. The rates designated for each subsequent calendar year 2027 through 2030 shall become effective with the January 15 billing cycle of the applicable calendar year.

The applicable volumetric charges are as follows:

Year	Rate
2026	\$6.11
2027	\$6.66
2028	\$7.26
2029	\$7.92
2030	\$8.64

(d) Dedicated Irrigation Service. This subsection applies to water service provided through a dedicated irrigation meter that serves outdoor irrigation only and is not connected to any structure or interior plumbing.

1. Each dedicated irrigation account shall pay a monthly minimum fixed charge based upon the size of the meter serving the premises, in the same amounts and with the same effective dates as provided in subsection (b) of this section for commercial customers.

2. In addition to the monthly minimum fixed charge, each dedicated irrigation account shall pay a volumetric charge for all water used during each billing period. The volumetric charge per 1,000 gallons of water used shall be equal to the Tier 2 residential volumetric rate established in Section 7-901(c) as effective for the applicable billing period.

(e) Commercial and Dedicated Irrigation Customers Outside City Limits. The monthly minimum fixed charge and volumetric charges for commercial and dedicated irrigation customers located outside the city limits shall be two (2) times the rates established in this section for commercial customers located within the city limits.

SECTION 3. Section 7-903 of the City Code of the City of Abilene, Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

7-903. Ban on Outside Watering During Peak Hours; Waste of Water.

- (a) Outside watering of lawns, plants, and shrubs is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on any day of the year.
- (b) The waste of water is prohibited at all times. “Waste of water” includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Permitting water to escape onto sidewalks, streets, roadways, or other surfaces intended for vehicle traffic, or into any gutter, ditch, or surface drain; and
 - 2. Failing to repair a controllable leak of water due to defective plumbing, irrigation equipment, or fixtures.

SECTION 4. Existing Sections 7-901, 7-902, and 7-903 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its adoption and publication once in the official city newspaper by the following summary:

Ordinance No. 26-3472 Summary

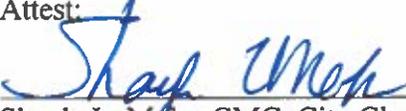
On January 26, 2025, the City Commission passed Ordinance No. 26-3472. The ordinance amends existing City Code Sections 7-901, 7-902, and 7-903, pertaining to water rates and prohibitions on outside watering during peak hours and water waste within the City of Abilene, Kansas. A complete copy of the ordinance is available online at www.abilenecityhall.com or in the office of the City Clerk, 419 N. Broadway Street in Abilene, Kansas, free of charge. This summary is certified by the City’s legal counsel.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas, this 9th day of February, 2026.

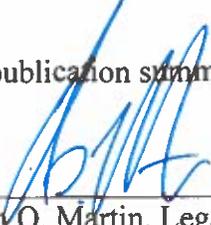



Brandon Rein, Mayor

Attest:


Shayla L. Mohr, CMC, City Clerk

The publication summary set forth above is certified the 26th day of January, 2026.


Aaron O. Martin, Legal Counsel