

CITY OF BUFFALO ~ PO Box 126 ~ Buffalo ND 58011

Contract for Sewer, Water, and Garbage Service

Welcome to the City of Buffalo. We provide excellent services for sewer, water, and garbage (SWG). Listed below are the terms and other information you may need. Please read carefully and sign/date below.

HOOKUP FEES AND GENERAL USER INFORMATION

- There is a \$50 fee to all new residents that is due immediately or included on your first SWG bill.
- Anyone using the city's water supply is automatically charged for garbage pickup and sewer service.
- Payments are due the 15th of the month.
- Late fees are 10% on the unpaid balance. If you have not paid by the second billing, you will be sent a notice giving you until the day of the next council meeting to pay (generally the second Monday of the month). If not paid at that time, your water will be shut off. There is a \$50 reconnect fee. NSF fees are \$20.
- Water meters are read around the 25th of the month, and bills sent out within 3 days. Payments are due the 15th.
- Payments may be put in the outside drop box at the city office on the east side of the community center or mailed to the above address.
- City of Buffalo utilizes auto-draft as an option for payment. Contact the City Auditor for an enrollment form.

RATES

- The flat-fee, base rate for water is \$17.00. The water charge is .42 per 100 gallons. There is a meter maintenance fee of \$1.00 per month.
- The garbage rate is a flat fee of \$22.64 per month which includes recycling. Pickup day is every Monday. The drivers have requested that garbage and recycle totes be set out by 6 AM. A garbage tote and recycle tote from Fat Man Trash is included as part of that fee. If you need additional totes, please contact the city employee or city office listed below (additional fees may apply). If you choose to not recycle, the garbage rate will remain the same; however, a city employee can pick up your recycle tote. If you'd like a second recycle tote, the charge will be \$5.15 per month.
- The sewer-lagoon charge is \$35.20 per month. With an additional \$15.00 per month for the Sewer Rehab Project.
- Also on the monthly SWG bill is a street light fee of \$3.35 per month, per household.

SNOWBIRDS – VACATIONERS – SEASONAL RESIDENTS

- If you are going to be gone for any length of time, it is a good idea to turn the water off inside your house to prevent any damage if pipes should break, or any other situation arises that could cause water damage.
- It is the responsibility of the utility customer or property owner who leaves for more than 1 month of year, to inform the City Auditor or Public Works of your leave and provide us with an alternate address. Once informed of your leaving the city will "No Charge" the minimum water (\$17.00) and sewer (\$10.20) for a total of \$27.20 portion of the Sewer, Water, and Garbage bill. The City will turn off the water at your request, but the minimum charges for the remaining services (Garbage, Street light Fee, Water Meter Fee, Lagoon and Sewer Rehab Project) from the above mentioned services will continue to be charged.
- When you return, you will be charged \$50 to have your water turned back on. This will need to be paid up front OR will be included in your next SWG billing.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

- If your water has been shut off due to a delinquent payment, there will be a \$50 fee to have the water turned back on. This will need to be paid *up front* before the water is turned on.

RENTERS

_____ Check here if you are RENTING a home. A \$200 deposit is required (in addition to the \$50 hookup fee) if you are a renter. When you leave town, you may contact city personnel to receive your deposit back, provided there is no outstanding balance on your account.

The City of Buffalo provides excellent water, sewer, and garbage services. We have contractors and suppliers that need to be paid each month, therefore we expect our residents to do the same. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the people listed below.

I have read the above information and agree to the terms. (Please retain one copy for your records and return one copy)

(Residents Signature)

(Printed Name)

(PO Box or Street Address)

(Phone)

(Date)

Identifying race (optional):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- White

Identifying ethnicity (optional):

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Sex (optional)

- Male
- Female

_____ (Amount paid)