ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGES

At its regular, monthly meeting on December 3, 2019, the Public Utilities Commission approved new electric, water and sewer rates for Lake Crystal Utility customers. The new rates will take effect January 1, 2020 and be billed for the first time on the February 15, 2020 utility billing. Information on the new rates are below.

**ELECTRIC**

On average, electric utility rates will be increased 2% for all customers. The new residential rates are as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>NEW</th>
<th>CURRENT</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Customer Charge/meter</td>
<td>$11.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Usage/kWh</td>
<td>$ 0.175</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A residential utility customer uses an average of 912 kWh/month and would experience an increase of $2.96/month.

**WATER**

On average, water utility rates will be increased 2% for all customers and the free usage included in the minimum charge will be reduced from 2,000 gallons to 1,000 gallons. The new residential rates are as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Residential – 0 to 1,000 Gallons</td>
<td>$10.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance &gt; 1,000 Gallons</td>
<td>$3.09 / 1,000 Gal</td>
</tr>
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A residential utility customer uses an average of 4,000 gallons/month and would experience an increase of $3.41/month.

**SEWER**

On average, water utility rates will be increased 2% for all customers and the free usage included in the minimum charge will be reduced from 2,000 gallons to 1,000 gallons. The new residential rates are as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Residential – 0 to 1,000 Gallons</td>
<td>$38.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance &gt; 1,000 Gallons</td>
<td>$4.78 / 1,000 Gal</td>
</tr>
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A residential utility customer uses an average of 4,000 gallons/month and would experience an increase of $5.72/month.

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The increases were needed to cover increased operational and maintenance costs. Additionally, several large capital
projects (e.g., street/utility reconstruction projects, significant upgrades to, or new construction of, a wastewater
treatment plant, etc.) are planned to be completed in the near future. In order to prepare for these projects and
prevent a large rate spike, incremental rate increases this year, and over the next several years, may be necessary.

The Public Utilities Commission made the decision to increase electric, water and sewer rates following discussion at
a budget work session on November 21 and regular meeting on December 3. All Commission meetings are open to
the public. Copies of the new electric, water and sanitary sewer rate schedule are available online at
https://www.lakecrystalmn.org/ and at City Hall.

Winter Parking Rules

City Code Chapter 71: Use of Highways, Streets, and the Like

§ 71.09 PARKING.

(H) Impoundment. Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street or parking lot to a garage or
other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or
hinders snow removal or street improvement or maintenance operations. The vehicle shall not be
released until the fees for towing and storage are paid in addition to any fine imposed for violation of
this ordinance.

§ 71.12 WINTER PARKING.

No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or permit it to stand on any street or alley between
November 1, and April 15 of each year so as to obstruct the removal of snow from streets during snow
removal operations.

For purposes of snow removal operations these ordinances will be enforced when two inches or more
of snowfall are forecast or have fallen. The City of Lake Crystal will do their best to warn residents
utilizing their webpage and Facebook but it is each resident’s responsibility to keep informed of the
weather and plan accordingly.

There are 2 city lots that are approved for parking during snow removal operations:

1. Parking lot at the corner of Humphrey and Murphy St (behind the hardware store)
2. Robinson Park Boat Landing

This form is a reminder for all persons that city streets need to be cleared of parked vehicles for snow
removal operations. Compliance helps the City of Lake Crystal maintain clear streets and lessens
chances for damages to parked vehicles to occur.

If you have questions or concerns about this notice, please contact the Lake Crystal PD at 726-2056 or
City Hall at 726-2538. A link to all City Ordinances can be found at the City website at:
www.lakecrystalmn.org and selecting the Government drop down list and selecting City Code &
Ordinances.