# City Kramer Resolution 25-09: **Garbage Disposal Fees**

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer acknowledges its responsibility for the management of the city garbage disposal system in contract with Circle Sanitation of Minot.

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer acknowledges the garbage disposal fee has not been used with efficiency and sustainability by the City Council. The fee as established had been used to pay and manage the costs generated by both the garbage disposal system and the sewage system, which encompasses the lift station, basin, pumps, sewer lines, and sewage lagoons. Funds collected could not sustain both systems simultaneously.

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer has not changed its garbage fee for property owners since amended on 4 January 2015. Furthermore, the city recognizes for the calendar year 2026, the cost for garbage disposal shall break $5,000.00. The cost for the 2027 calendar year will most likely increase somewhat.

**Whereas**, the Kramer City Council recognizes that many of the customers of the city garbage disposal system have, in the past, been permitted to make payment to the city as late as April. The bill from Circle Sanitation is due annually on February 20. The city waste management system (sewer and garbage) need a fixed billing cycle and published fees.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council shall observe the billing cycle as established in contract with Circle Sanitation of Minot, which requires payment in full to be submitted no later than February 20 annually. Henceforth, payments made to the City of Kramer garbage disposal system cover disposal January 1 to December 31 annually, not from the date of payment forward. All payments made in 2025, apply to services rendered from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. For the 2026 billing cycle there will be no early payment discount as the city moves to correct billing issues and the customer base is re-identified and confirmed. The practice of a discount may return with the 2027 billing cycle. There is no discount for businesses for early payment.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council shall establish a fixed billing cycle for the collection of garbage and sewage disposal, which is focused on effective and timely collection of fees and address sustainability. On November 1, 2025, the city auditor will commence the billing and collection of a city access fee (combined garbage and sewer disposal fee) as outlined below. Fees must be paid no later than midnight February 15, 2026. For the 2026 billing cycle. Fees not paid by midnight February 15 will engender a fine as established in City of Kramer Municipal Code – Chapter 4 - Management of City Garbage Disposal System. Fees received shall be deposited in the appropriate sub account in the City of Kramer Utilities account at FNBT.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council shall define the access fee for property owners with no residency or structure in the city as access to sewage disposal, garbage disposal, rural water, and electrical power via Otter Tail Power Company lines and connection points.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council shall set the garbage disposal fee for all property owners, with exception of businesses, as follows:

* Property owners in residence within the City of Kramer with six (6) or more months of occupation, at thirteen dollars ($13.00) a month.
* Property owners in residence within the City of Kramer with less than six (6) months of occupation, at six dollars and fifty cents ($6.50) per month.
* For nonresident users, the garbage disposal fee will be set at fourteen dollars ($14.00) per month, based on twelve (12) months of use.
* Unoccupied properties within the City of Kramer at six dollars and fifty cents ($6.50) a month.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council shall set specific garbage disposal fees for City of Kramer businesses, the Cork n Bottle and Mouse River Outfitters with fairness and in consideration of the nature of the business, time frame of use and clientele.

For Mouse River Outfitters using an 8-yard dumpster leased to the City of Kramer from Circle Sanitation of Minot and contracted at two hundred and twenty-two dollars ($222.00) a month with one dump per week at four payments of $110.00 per month for September, October, November, and December 2025. This fee is based on the fact that many other nonresidential hunters have contributed to the garbage fund and use this dumpster. It has long been the city’s intent to reserve this dumpster strictly for hunter use only from September 15 to December 15, annually. During the remainder of the year, it will be used at the city’s discretion as an overflow dumpster. There is no discount for businesses for early payment. The Kramer City Auditor shall deposit payments into the City of Kramer, Utility Account, and subaccount of Garbage at FNBT.

For the Cork-n-Bottle using a 6-yard dumpster leased to the City of Kramer from Circle Sanitation of Minot and contracted at $1,620.00 a year with one-dump per week at twenty dollars ($20.00) a month for an annual fee of two-hundred and forty dollars $240.00, which is the cost of a 4-yard dumpster. This dumpster will be used by the bar; however, it shall remain open to public access. There is no discount for businesses for early payment. The Kramer City Auditor shall deposit payments into the City of Kramer, Utility Account, and subaccount of Garbage at FNBT.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council reserves the right to relocate city leased dumpsters under its contract.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council recognizes Circle Sanitation dumpster costs will rise in January 2027. **Therefore**, the October 2026 city council meeting agenda shall include reviewing garbage disposal costs and fees to determine if the current price is sustainable or must be revised. It is the council’s intention to make the fund sustainable.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** theKramer City Council declares this shall take effect upon signature; however, the council shall publish established fees in the Bottineau Courant for reasons of transparency.

Adopted this day

City Council Vote

Mayor/Council President

Interim Auditor Attests: