# City of Kramer Resolution 25-12: **Sewage Disposal System Fees**

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer acknowledges its responsibility for the management of the city sewage disposal system, which encompasses the lift station, basin, pumps, sewer lines, and sewage lagoons.

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer established and ordained Kramer City Ordinance 6 on January 31, 1979 – Establishing Procedures for Determining Equitable Service Charges for use of Kramer Sewer System. In a 1988 city council meeting, the council changed the fees. The council did not move to change nor negate City Ordinance 6 or use a resolution. The change hereafter referred to as the 60/40% plan called for a garbage fee. However, the city diverted 40% of the garbage fees collected to manage the sewer system operations. Beginning in 2020, the funds collected could not operate both systems simultaneously due to the high cost of lift station repairs and several years of neither garbage nor sewer fee collection as gifted by the city council.

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer recognizes the need to update and revise City of Kramer Ordinance 6 – Procedure for Determining Equitable Service Charges for Wastewater, dated January 31, 1979 and Ordinance 5 – For Regulation of the use of Public and Private Sewers. These ordinances were based on the city’s past ability to control and determine the flow of water in and out of each property’s which has since been replaced and is now regulated by rural water.

**Whereas,** the City of Kramer recognizes that City Ordinance 21, dated 1 December 1986, has not been enforced by the City Council. It declares that any connection to the city sewer system where one did not before exist shall be required to pay a “hook-up” fee of $350.00 upon request of making the connection.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council has established and enacted City of Kramer Municipal Code - Chapter 5 - Management of the City Sewage Disposal System. The fees are to be managed by this resolution and sets the Sewage Disposal Fees for all property owners and businesses, as follows:

* Property-owners in residence within the City of Kramer six (6) or more months, with sewer connection, with the exception of businesses, shall pay ten dollars ($10.00) a month, per structure with a sewer connection.
* Property-owners in residence within the City of Kramer less than six (6) months, with sewer connection, with the exception of businesses, shall pay five dollars ($5.00) per month, per structure with a sewer connection.
* Businesses operating full-time within city limits, with sewer connections, shall pay twelve dollars ($12.00) per month, per structure with a sewer connection.
* Businesses operating part-time within the city limits, with sewer connections, shall pay four dollars ($4.00) per month, per structure with a sewer connection, not to exceed 5 structures.

**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. Effective November 1, 2025, the city auditor will commence the collection of a city access fee (combined garbage and sewer disposal fee) as outlined below. Fees must be paid in full no later than midnight February 15, 2026. There will be no reduced fee for early payment until the sewer fee achieves sustainability.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council declares fees not paid by midnight February 15 will engender a fine as established in City of Kramer Municipal Code - Chapter 5 - Management of the City Sewage Disposal System. Unlike the garbage fee, which is collected months in advance, sewer fees will be accessible in the year of collection, as needed. Fees received shall be deposited in the appropriate sub account in the City of Kramer Utilities account FNBT.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council declares payments made to the City of Kramer sewage disposal system cover disposal January 1 to December 31 annually, not from the date of payment forward. Theretofore, all payments made during the November 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 cycle, regardless of date, apply to services rendered from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** theKramer City Council shall henceforth enforce an installation fee for all connections to the city sewer system where a connection had not before existed. The fee is established as $350.00 payable to the City of Kramer. The said fee shall be paid upon request and completion of the ckform-15 Sewer Connection Application after which, if approval is provided, a permit shall be issued as outlined in City of Kramer Municipal Code - Chapter 5 - Management of the City Sewage Disposal System.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** the Kramer City Council declares this resolution shall take effect upon signature; however, the city shall publish the sewer fees in the Bottineau Courant.

Council vote:

Adopted this day

Mayor/Council President Interim Auditor Attests