



City of Topeka
Governing Body Action Form
City Council Chambers
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August 11, 2026

DATE:	August 11, 2026	
CONTACT PERSON:	Sylvia Davis, Utilities Department Director	DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:	Proposed Utility Rates	PROJECT #:
CIP PROJECT:	No	
ACTION OF COUNCIL:	Discussion: 06-02-26; 06- 09-26; 6-16-26. Withdrawn from Agenda: 7-14-26. Discussion: 07- 21-26.26	JOURNAL #:

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

DISCUSSION of AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez, establishing utility rates for 2027 through 2030, amending Topeka Municipal Code Sections 13.05.20 through 13.05.060 and repealing original sections.

(Approval will establish adequate Utility Rates and serve as the foundation for future Operating and Capital budgets. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed ordinance on August 18, 2026.)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Discussion only. Action requires at least six (6) votes of the Governing Body.

POLICY ISSUE:

Establishment of Utility Rates beyond 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion only. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed ordinance on August 18, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 20416, approved in 2023, established Utility rates for 2024, 2025 and 2026. Utilities held four public meetings to present and receive community feedback. The Department will be presenting information gathered and continuing discussions on potential utility rates for 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. Future rates need to be addressed in 2026 to ensure customers have time to provide input and businesses have sufficient time to budget for 2027 and beyond.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Establishing adequate Utility Rates will serve as the foundation for future Operating and Capital budgets.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Water, Stormwater and Wastewater Rates

ATTACHMENTS:

[Proposed Utility Rates Ordinance - June 16 2026 GB Meeting](#)
[Presentation \(August 11, 2026 GB Meeting\)](#)
[Presentation \(July 21, GB Discussion\)](#)
[Presentation \(June 9 2026 GB Meeting Rate Discussion\)](#)
[S. Davis Cover Memo - FAQ \(June 9, 2026 GB Discussion\)](#)
[Presentation \(June 16, 2026 GB Discussion\)](#)
[Presentation \(June 2, 2026 GB Meeting Rate Discussion\)](#)
[S. Davis Cover Memo - Response Series Part 1 \(June 2, 2026\)](#)
[Public Meeting Summary](#)
[Utilities Rate Discussion Survey Results](#)