

ORDINANCE NO. 3152-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE COMBINED UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 3134-25 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the rates and charges for natural gas service furnished by the Combined Utilities System of the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska, are established and shall become effective on October 1, 2026 as shown below.

A. UNIFORM PROVISIONS. The following provisions shall be effective for all rates included in this ordinance.

1. Effective Date: All charges imposed through this Ordinance shall be effective with billings rendered after October 1, 2026, as shown in Subsections B, C, D, E, F, G, and H hereof.
2. Rates and Charges: All bills shall be based upon the customer charge per month, plus the charges for demand and consumption, or other charges as applicable.
3. Minimum Bill: The minimum bill will be the customer charge in all rate classifications except Business "B" where the minimum bill will be the demand charge, but not less than the customer charge.
4. Purchased Gas Cost: All rates are subject to the Purchased Gas Cost (PGC) Charge, as set forth in Section 2, except the rate for large volume firm transportation service.
5. Term of Payment: All bills are due and payable on date as indicated on bill. The Delayed Payment charge is five percent (5%) of the amount due.
6. Seasons: Applicable to bills for usage in the seasons as shown below:

Summer:	May through September
Winter:	October through April
7. Urban shall mean customers located within the city limits of Nebraska City, Nebraska.
8. Rural shall mean customers located outside of the city limits of Nebraska City, Nebraska.
9. Contract Term: All non-residential users which elect, by signed request, to be served by Nebraska City Utilities, shall thereby agree to a service commitment of not less than a 12-month duration, renewable automatically and indefinitely until cancellation by consumer.

10. Customer requests for a different Rate Schedule: If more than one rate schedule is applicable, the consumer shall have the right and responsibility to choose the rate schedule, which is most advantageous. Consumer may not request a change in rate schedule more than once in any 12-month period, unless otherwise agreed by Nebraska City Utilities.
11. Rules and Policies: All usage is subject to all rules and policies of Nebraska City Utilities.

B. RESIDENTIAL - URBAN RATES.

1. Residential - Urban (Summer):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$21.00	\$22.00
Delivery Charge		
First 75 ccf, per ccf	\$0.1910	\$0.1928
Excess, per ccf	\$0.1508	\$0.1522
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

2. Residential - Urban (Winter):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$21.00	\$22.00
Delivery Charge		
First 75 ccf, per ccf	\$0.1910	\$0.1928
Excess, per ccf	\$0.2023	\$0.2041
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

3. PGC calculation is set forth in Section 2.
4. Application:
 - a. To all residential consumers for customary domestic uses.
 - b. To any combination residential and business consumer where their business is operated solely by phone or mail or away from the home, and goods and services are not made, rendered, shipped or stored from or at the home, and no one other than the resident is employed thereat.
 - c. To all churches, for customary church uses.
5. Service Conditions:
 - a. Each dwelling unit (house, duplex or apartment unit, trailer court lot etc.) is to be individually metered and billed.

- b. All uses are to be metered through a single meter.

C. BUSINESS - URBAN RATES.

1. Business "A"- Urban (Summer):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month		
Small	\$27.00	\$28.00
Large	\$55.00	\$57.00
Delivery Charge		
First 270 ccf, per ccf	\$0.3435	\$0.3565
Excess, per ccf	\$0.2877	\$0.2986
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

2. Business "A" - Urban (Winter):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month		
Small	\$27.00	\$28.00
Large	\$55.00	\$57.00
Delivery Charge		
First 270 ccf, per ccf	\$0.3435	\$0.3565
Excess, per ccf	\$0.3779	\$0.3923
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

3. PGC calculation is set forth in Section 2.

4. Application:

- a. To all business and institutional users, unless classified as Residential or Business "B".
- b. To any duplex, apartment building, trailer court lot, etc., where dwelling units are not individually metered unless classified as Business "B".
- c. To any combination residential and business consumer not qualifying as Residential, or who elect to be classified hereunder.

5. Service Conditions:

- a. Each meter is to be considered an individual customer. Customers with 175/250 ccf meters or similar sized meters will be billed the "Small" Customer Charge. All other customers with larger sized meters will be billed the "Large" Customer Charge.

- b. All uses for any one customer are to be metered through a single meter.

D. LARGE VOLUME FIRM BUSINESS RATES.

1. Business "B" - (Summer):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$690.41	\$745.65
Demand Charge, Peak Month – ccf	\$0.1715	\$0.1852
Delivery Charge, per ccf	\$0.0571	\$0.0616
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

2. Business "B" - (Winter):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$690.41	\$745.65
Demand Charge, Peak Month – ccf	\$0.1715	\$0.1852
Delivery Charge, per ccf	\$0.1031	\$0.1113
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

3. PGC calculation is set forth in Section 2.

4. Determination of Demand:

The demand shall be the maximum monthly usage in the months of October through April in the most recent 12-month period.

5. Available:

This rate is available at the option and sole discretion of Nebraska City Utilities.

6. Application:

- a. To all business and institutional users which elect, by signed request, to be served hereunder. Such commitment shall be not less than 12-months duration, renewable automatically and indefinitely until canceled by the consumer or the Utility.
- b. To such other business or institutional users as are assigned to this classification at the option of the Utility. Criteria for such assignment are:
 - 1) Whenever winter monthly requirements are 1,000 mcf or more for 3 consecutive months.

7. Service Conditions:

- a. Each gas meter will be considered an individual customer.
- b. All uses for any one customer are to be metered through a single meter.

E. INTERRUPTIBLE BUSINESS RATES.

1. Interruptible - Urban & Rural (Summer):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$690.41	\$745.65
Delivery Charge, per ccf	\$0.2865	\$0.3068
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

2. Interruptible - Urban & Rural (Winter):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$690.41	\$745.65
Delivery Charge, per ccf	\$0.3321	\$0.3557
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

3. PGC calculation is set forth in Section 2.

4. Storage Gas Surcharge:

All gas that is withdrawn from storage is charged an additional:

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Delivery Charge, per ccf	\$0.3284	\$0.3382
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

Subject to application of purchased gas adjustment as set forth in Section 2.

Minimum bill: The Customer Charge.

5. Application:

- a. To all business, institutional and farm users which elect, by signed request to be served hereunder. Such commitment shall be not less than a 12-month duration, renewable automatically and indefinitely until canceled by the consumer or the Utility.

- b. To such other business, or institutional users as are assigned to this rate classification at the option of the Utility. Criteria for such assignment are:

- 1) Whenever winter monthly requirements are 1,000 mcf or more for 3 consecutive months.

6. Service Conditions:

- a. Each meter is to be considered an individual customer.
- b. All uses for any one customer are to be metered through a single meter.
- c. Customer must demonstrate the capability to remain off the City distribution system for a minimum of 48 hours.

F. RESIDENTIAL - RURAL RATES.

1. Residential - Rural (Summer):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$26.00	\$27.25
Delivery Charge	\$/ccf	\$/ccf
First 75 ccf, per ccf	\$0.1933	\$0.1933
Excess, per ccf	\$0.1526	\$0.1526
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

2. Residential - Rural (Winter):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$26.00	\$27.25
Delivery Charge	\$/ccf	\$/ccf
First 75 ccf, per ccf	\$0.1933	\$0.1933
Excess, per ccf	\$0.2047	\$0.2047
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

3. PGC calculation is set forth in Section 2

4. Application:

- a. To all residential consumers for customary domestic uses.
- b. To any farm consumer, not classified as Business-Rural for domestic plus customary farm uses, where consumption does not exceed 50 mcf in each of any two winter months in any year. Winter months are October through April.

c. To any combination of rural residential and business consumers where the business is operated solely by phone or mail or away from the home and goods and services are not made, rendered, or stored at home, and no one other than the resident is employed thereat.

d. To all churches, for customary church uses.

5. Service Conditions:

a. Each dwelling unit (house, duplex, or apartment unit, trailer court lot, etc.) is to be individually metered and billed.

b. All uses are to be metered through a single meter.

G. BUSINESS - RURAL RATES.

1. Business "A"- Rural (Summer):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month		
Small	\$32.00	\$34.00
Large	\$59.00	\$61.00
Delivery Charge		
First 270 ccf, per ccf	\$0.3435	\$0.3565
Excess, per ccf	\$0.2877	\$0.2986
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

2. Business "A" - Rural (Winter):

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month		
Small	\$32.00	\$34.00
Large	\$59.00	\$61.00
Delivery Charge		
First 270 ccf, per ccf	\$0.3435	\$0.3565
Excess, per ccf	\$0.3779	\$0.3923
Purchase Gas Cost (PGC) Charge		
All ccf	Determined Monthly	Determined Monthly

3. PGC calculation is set forth in Section 2.

4. Application:

a. To all business and institutional users, unless classified as Residential Rural or Business "B".

- b. To any farm consumer, for domestic plus customary farm uses, where consumption exceeds 50 mcf in each of any two winter months in any year, or who is classified as Electric-Business.
 - c. To any combination residential and business consumer not qualifying as Residential, or who elects to be classified hereunder.
 - d. To any duplex, apartment building, trailer court lot, etc. where dwelling units are not individually metered, unless classified as Business "B".
5. Service Conditions:
- a. Each meter is to be considered an individual customer. Customers with 175/250 ccf meters or similar sized meters will be billed the "Small" Customer Charge. All other customers with larger sized meters will be billed the "Large" Customer Charge.
 - b. All uses for any one customer are to be metered through a single meter.

H. BUSINESS TRANSPORT RATES.

1. Large Volume Firm Transportation Service:

EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
Customer Charge, per month	\$690.41	\$745.65
Delivery Charge, per ccf	\$0.1894	\$0.1970

2. Application:

- a. To all farm, business and institutional users, with usage equal to or greater than 1,000 mcf/month in the current month or within the past 12 months.

3. Service Conditions

- a. Each meter is to be considered an individual customer.
- b. All use for any one customer is to be metered through a single meter.
- c. All requests for service must be submitted in accordance with, and meet the requirements of, the policies and regulations of Nebraska City Utilities.
- d. Customer may be responsible for the cost of installation of an electronic meter, accessible with the Nebraska City Utilities' SCADA equipment.

SECTION 2. Purchased Gas Cost (PGC) Clause. When a rate schedule provides for the application of a Purchased Gas Cost (PGC), all gas used in that billing period will be subject to such adjustment and shall be determined as follows:

Purchased and produced gas costs shall be calculated for each month, summer and winter season, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by Nebraska City Utilities, to reflect the cost of gas less delivery and storage costs from Wholesale Suppliers. For these purposes, the PGC shall mean the total purchased cost, excluding all transportation, and storage related charges divided by the retail billing CCF from the billing period that covers most closely the retail billing period. Said calculations and adjustments for short-fall or excess from previous month's revenue recovery of the PGC shall be made and become effective with the first billing of each month or as Nebraska City Utilities otherwise deems necessary to fully recover additional gas supply costs. The PGC will be increased by 6.25 percent to cover the cost of required transfers under City code.

SECTION 3. Taxes. In the event of the imposition of any new tax or the increase of any existing tax, transfer fee, or any increase in payments in lieu thereof, by any lawful authority; or in the event of increased costs of operation, the gas bills determined by Section 1 of this ordinance may be increased by the amount of such tax or by such increased costs of operation.

SECTION 4. Repeal. That Ordinance No. XX and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law and city ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2026.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



