

ORDINANCE NO. 2196

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA TO AMEND THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE USE OF THE CITY LANDFILL; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The existing Sanitation Service Fees be amended as follows:

SANITATION SERVICE, FEES, COLLECTION OF FEES, DEPOSIT AND EXEMPTION:

The following schedule of fees for sanitation services shall be in effect as of the 1st day of October 2026:

- (A) Minimum billing, \$30.75 per month residential.
- (B) Single family residence, \$30.75 per month.
- (C) Multiple unit dwellings, such as houses with basements or upstairs apartments, duplexes and triplexes, when all units are charged to the owner or manager on a single bill, and not more than three (3) separate households are maintained in the units, \$30.75 per month for the first unit and \$30.75 per month for each additional unit up to a total of three (3).
- (D) Multiple unit dwellings housing four (4) or more separately maintained households and billed to the owner or manager on a single bill shall be deemed commercial units, and shall be included in the commercial rate structure.
- (E) **COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS RATES.** The monthly charges for collection and disposal of solid waste for commercial, business establishments shall be based upon volume and service. Includes all structures or parts thereof not included as a residential or multiple residential units.
- (F) The existing commercial/business rates are based upon a rate for a 3 cubic yard container per month for once-a-week collection. Additional pick-ups are \$74.77 each.

COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS RATES

No. of Containers	Collections Per Week				
	1	2	3	4	5
1	\$166.30	\$332.60	\$498.89	\$665.19	\$831.49
2	\$332.60	\$665.19	\$997.79	\$1,330.38	\$1,662.98
3	\$498.89	\$997.79	\$1,496.68	\$1,995.58	\$2,494.47
4	\$665.19	\$1,330.38	\$1,995.58	\$2,660.77	\$3,325.96
5	\$831.49	\$1,662.98	\$2,494.47	\$3,325.96	\$4,157.45

- (G) Commercial/business units that share a common container shall have the above rates prorated as determined by the City. The minimum shall be \$83.14 for shared containers. Commercial roll-out carts (90-gallon) \$65.49 per month, one pick up per week minimum. (Only allowed when alley access or access to 3 cubic yard container is not available.)
- (H) Charges for regular sanitation services shall be due and payable on or before the 10th day of each month, payable at the City of Gering business office.
- (I) The monthly customer fee for Sanitation customers outside the City Limits shall be 50% higher than in City Limit rates.

LICENSE REQUIRED; FEES

- (A) No person shall deposit any material at the Gering City Landfill facility without first obtaining a license or franchise for said purpose from the City, or by paying the applicable disposal fees as herein provided.

(B) The following fees shall be collected by the City's agent at the City Landfill facility and shall be applicable to loads of solid waste, as herein defined, provided, however, the rates shall not apply to persons or corporations who are under contract with the City or as a franchise refuse collector who collects refuse within the City utility service area – the City zoning jurisdiction.

(C) The City of Gering requires all loads going to the solid waste facility to be tarped or secured. The City of Gering reserves the right to assess a 50% surcharge on any unsecured solid waste material being hauled for disposal.

Rates at Scale Facility	\$79.49 per ton
Minimum Gate Fee	\$16.98 under 400 pounds

The City of Gering reserves the right to adjust the tonnage rate to customers under contract for special conditions.

Miscellaneous Charges

- Tree Disposal \$16.50 per ton
 - Tires (each); Car \$8.49; Truck \$14.55; Tractor \$32.75
 - Bulk Tire Disposal \$213.49 per ton
 - Appliance, Water Heater (residential, each \$13.34)
 - Special pickup; furniture, branches and large items \$31.83 per load
 - Extra grass dumpster for commercial business; \$30.00 per ton, (when there is more than one dumpster)
 - Assistance to offload sanitation waste from truck or trailer \$82.50
 - Clean fill dirt, \$13.99
 - Animal Carcasses, \$102.03
- Additional charges may be assessed.

(D) City of Gering Residents will be permitted to bring one load of landfill disposal per month free of charge, not to exceed 2 cubic yards of allowable waste, with proof of residency by providing a copy of their current City of Gering utility bill and picture ID.

(E) ROLL-OFFS: The fees for solid waste collection and disposal from an open top roll-off container for construction waste shall be as follows:

- 1) All Roll-Off Box Rentals shall be charged a deposit of \$125.00 and a delivery charge of \$50.00. Deposit will be applied to final bill.
- 2) Temporary weekly Roll-Off Box Charge
\$114.61 per haul charge with a 1 haul minimum per week
- 3) Temporary Monthly Roll-Off Box Charge
\$509.36 per haul charge with a 1 haul minimum per month
- 4) Additional Charges \$79.49 per ton of waste in box.
- 5) Permanent Roll-Off Box Charges \$579.07 per haul charge with at 1 haul minimum per month, no tonnage fee applies.
- 6) Delivery: The City reserves the right to add an additional delivery fee or fuel surcharge for roll-off containers over 10 miles outside of the City service area.

Additional items that can't be landfilled, that are removed out of the waste stream will be charged based on current rates schedule. Banned items will not be accepted.

NOTE: Fee is based upon monthly pick up, thus a monthly minimum. The City may negotiate other than monthly fees depending upon availability of containers and/or scheduled usages above the monthly minimum.

(F) RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION CONTAINER: The fees for solid waste collection and disposal from a 3-yard construction container for construction waste shall be as follows:

- 1) 3-yard Construction Container Charges, \$166.28 per month with a 1-haul minimum per week.
- 2) Maximum of 4-week rental.
- 3) Additional items that can't be landfilled, that are removed out of the waste stream will be charged based on current rates schedule.
- 4) Banned items will not be accepted.

NOTE: Fee is based upon weekly pick up, thus a monthly minimum. The City may negotiate other than monthly fees depending upon availability of containers and/or scheduled usages above the monthly minimum.

(G) FUEL SURCHARGE: The City reserves the right to add a fuel surcharge for roll-off containers over 10 miles outside of the City service area.

(H) COMPACTORS: Compactors will be charged on a per pull fee based on signed agreements with the City of Gering based upon a minimum of (1) once a month pull.

Note: All rates will be reviewed annually.

Haul only (customer owned container)

Size	Rate
30 yd	\$1,052.93
40 yd	\$1,235.44

Haul only (City owned container)

	Rate
Monthly rental fee	\$501.40
30 yd	\$1,052.93

- (I) SPECIAL WASTE: \$67.49 filing fee and \$128.25 per ton charge depending on waste.
- (J) Hazardous waste unacceptable. No hazardous wastes identified and contained in the RCRA regulations may be disposed of at the City Landfill.
- (K) Individuals or corporations will be permitted to arrange for monthly billing in advance of entry through the City Treasurer. All other entries not arranged for in advance for monthly billings shall be on a cash basis, to be collected by the City's agent at the sanitary landfill.
- (L) All other licenses, fees, terms and conditions for the use of the City Landfill shall be established by the Mayor and Council of the City by resolution or by staff in the case of special waste.
- (M) The City of Gering reserves the right to request a deposit on account prior to opening a charge account.

SECTION 2. Service Fees for City of Gering Single-Stream Recycling Program available upon customer demand.

The following service fees for the City of Gering Single-Stream Recycling Program are hereby established, ratified as to prior customer participation, and in effect as the date of adoption of this Ordinance, to wit:

(A) SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

1. The monthly customer fee for participation in the single-stream recycling program will be \$6.69 per month for a 90-gallon recycle container,
2. \$127.52 per month for a 3-yard recycle container, includes disposal.
3. \$95.50 per ton, hauled by customer to transfer station.
4. Roll-off container rental is \$121.30 per week or \$470.06 per month plus \$95.50 per ton disposal.

5. Pickup of single-stream recyclable material will be collected in a container approved by the City of Gering Sanitation Department.
6. Pickup of single-stream recyclable material and operation of the City of Gering single-stream recycling program will occur in accordance with procedures adopted by the City of Gering Sanitation Department.
7. The monthly customer fee for participation in the single-stream recycling program for customers outside the City Limits shall be 50% higher than in City Limit rates.

(B) CARDBOARD RECYCLING

1. The monthly customer fee for participation in the cardboard recycling program will be \$6.69 per month for a 90-gallon recycle container,
2. \$80.22 per month for a 3-yard recycle container, includes disposal.
3. \$60.15 per ton, hauled to transfer station.
4. Roll-off container rental is \$114.61 per week or \$458.43 per month plus \$60.15 per ton disposal.
5. Pickup of cardboard recyclable material will be collected in a container approved by the City of Gering Sanitation Department.
6. Pickup of cardboard recyclable material and operation of the City of Gering recycling program will occur in accordance with procedures adopted by the City of Gering Sanitation Department.
7. The monthly customer fee for participation in the cardboard recycling program for customers outside the City Limits shall be 50% higher than in City Limit rates.

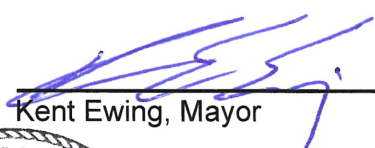
TERMS OF PAYMENT: Bills are due and payable upon receipt and delinquent if not paid by the 10th day of the following month.

PENALTY: Bills paid after the tenth day of each month shall be deemed delinquent and have a penalty charge of 10% of said services added thereto. The City may discontinue service two weeks after the delinquent date pursuant to § [50.03](#). Once discontinued, service shall not be recommenced except upon payment of a reconnection fee in an amount set by ordinance of the City Council. The City may also take any action authorized by law to effect collection of the delinquent charges. (Ord. 2122, passed 2023).

SECTION 3. The aforementioned rates set forth in this ordinance shall be effective for service October 1, 2026.

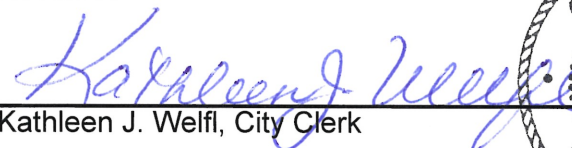
SECTION 4. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance of the City of Gering, Nebraska in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed and should any part or section of this ordinance be declared void and unenforceable, such declaration shall not render any other part void and unenforceable. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.



Kent Ewing, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathleen J. Welfl, City Clerk

