



From City Council meeting . . . to Business Council MEMBERS ONLY

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North Kansas City Business Council  
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Note: As a reminder, the notes below represent topics that, in my judgement, might be of interest to the business community. It does not include everything that was on the agenda.

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## **Overview**

This meeting was rescheduled from its normal 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday.

## **Reminder:**

Every business in North Kansas City has two City Council representatives. The ward division lines run north and south from the Missouri River to the northern city limits. Don't hesitate to reach out to them concerning any issues you have that involve the City.

Mayor and City Council representatives:

Bryant DeLong – Mayor

- Tabitha Todd – Ward 1
- Anthony Saper – Ward 1
- Lisa Tull – Ward 2
- Jesse Smith – Ward 2
- Connor Fitzgerald – Ward 3
- Linda Alvarez – Ward 3
- Amie Clarke – Ward 4
- Katie Stokes – Ward 4

## **Discussion Items**

Important discussion items at this meeting were on the topics of:

- Proposed Water & Sewer Rates
- Bike Master Plan
- RFP for Transportation Services

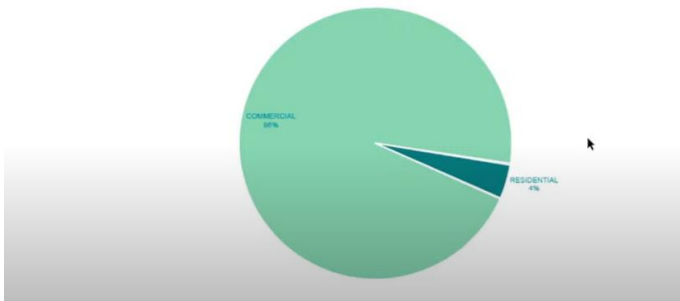
## **Proposed Water & Sewer Rates**

From the information below you can see that water rates are proposed to increase by 15% and sewer rates to increase by 7% for the next fiscal year (2023-24). Commercial users account for 96% of North Kansas City’s water consumption. One employer alone – Ingredion with extensive chemical processing – accounts for more than 50% of the total.

**Proposed Rate Increases**

Rate Increases	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
Water	20%	20%	15%	4%	4%	3%
Sewer	25%	20%	7%	7%	7%	7%

**Billed Consumption by Account Class – July 2022 – June 2023**

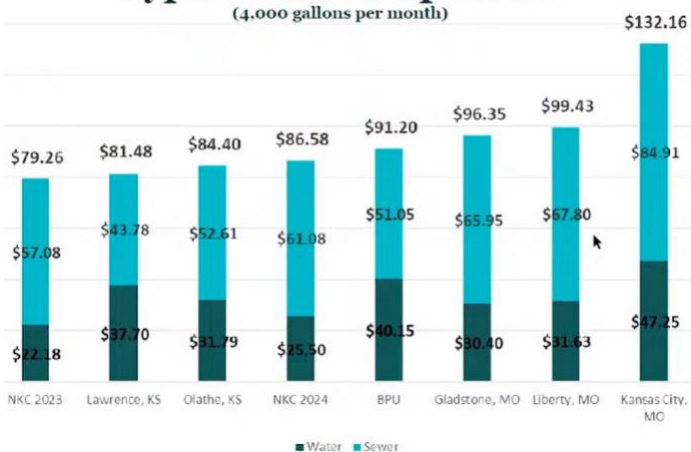


The chart below shows that North Kansas City’s are in the middle of neighboring communities, even after the increases. Kansas City is by far the highest.

A series of annual increases was implemented so that the Gaming Fund is no longer subsidizing the rate of increases in water and sewer rates. The sewer rates are a direct pass-through of what the City of Kansas City charges North Kansas City.

**Typical Bill Comparison**

(4,000 gallons per month)

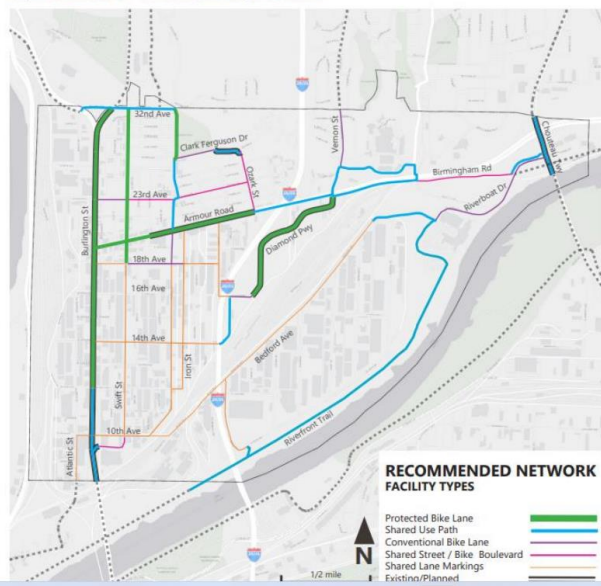


**Bicycle Master Plan Update**

There continue to be discussions about the amount of use of existing bicycle paths – both now and proposed for the future. Usage along Armour seems minimal so far but there is a strong belief that North Kansas City

needs to be deliberate in offering bicycle connectivity within North Kansas City and with communities on either side.

Bicycle Network Map - Recommended Bicycle Facilities



### NKC Bike Master Plan – Projects May be Considered for Reprioritization

- 18<sup>th</sup> Ave Streetscape project – from Burlington to Iron;
- 32 Ave shared use path – from Burlington/N Oak to Howell;
- Iron Street shared use path – from Armour to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave;
- **Howell Street shared use path North – from 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave to Clark Ferguson Dr;**
- **Howell Street shared use path South – from Ferguson Dr to Armour;**
- Hospital Campus share use path – follow Clay Edwards Dr from Vernon St to Walker Rd;
- Clark Ferguson bike lanes – from Howell to Ozark;
- Ozark Street bike boulevard – from Clark Ferguson Dr to Armour;
- E 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave bike boulevard – from Swift to Howell/Iron to Ozark;
- ARRA Cycle Track extension – shared use path from Vernon to Birmingham (might be impacted by MoDOT PEL);
- Birmingham Connector Path – from 210 to Chouteau Tfwy (might be impacted by MoDOT PEL);
- **Shared lane markings – as recommended by the Bike Master Plan.**

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### RFP for Transportation Services

With KCATA North Kansas City’s only FLEX option is with the IRIS program. That is a new point-to-point program introduced by KCATA that has not received good reviews so far.

City Council representative Lisa Tull proposed having an RFP for North Kansas City’s own point-to-point within North Kansas City like the former FLEX service.

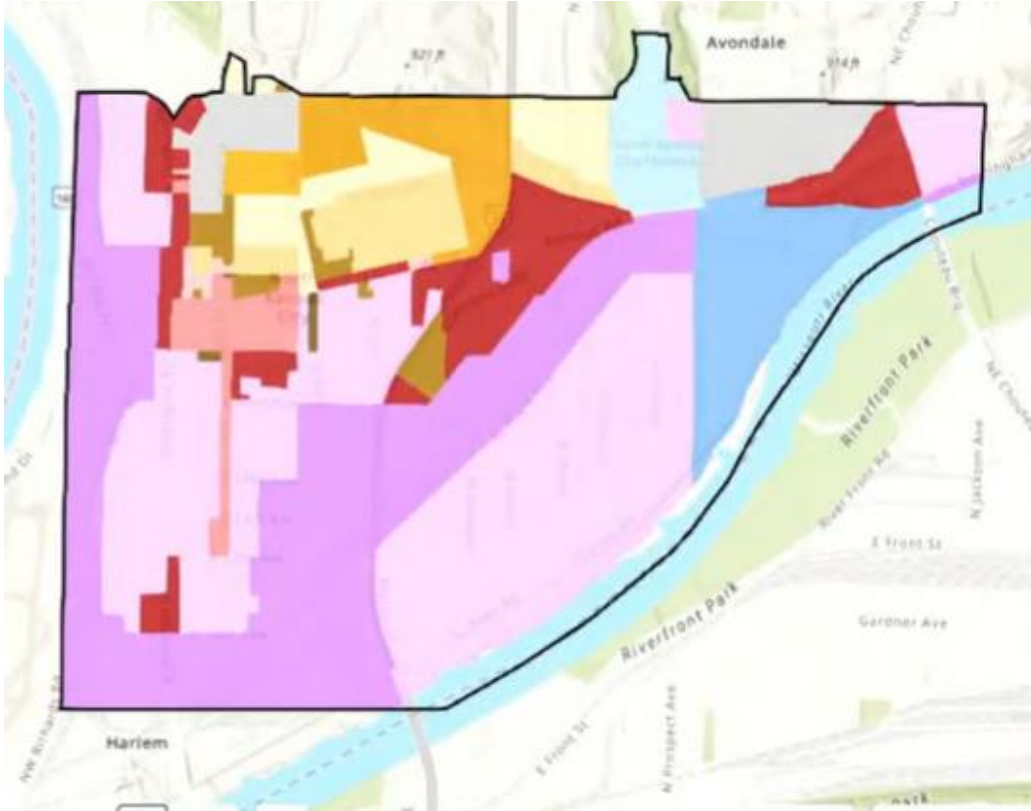
### Two-Hour Parking on both sides of Clay

Apparently a previous oversight 2-hour parking along Clay was only on the east side. An ordinance was approved to make sure 2-hour parking is on both sides of Clay.

### Short-Term (Residential) Rentals

A clarification of what is a “short-term rental” was offered. STR would not include 30-60-90 day rentals. It would be more like the 1-2 week VRBO arrangement that many have experienced on vacations. It would include individual bedrooms, with common entry to other parts of the house, as well as whole-house rentals. STR would only be residential zoning districts – the lighter orange districts in the map below.

Registration is required by the City.



### Reduction of 3 a.m. Liquor Licences

With the closing of Neon Wild on June 30 the City has the opportunity to further reduce the number of 3 a.m. liquor licenses. Only 3 others remain: Helen’s JAD, Spirits Lounge at American Inn and Chappell’s (not used). Approved.

### Staff Comments

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The full agenda for this meeting with links to critical documents is available on the City’s website [www.nkc.org](http://www.nkc.org) under the heading of Agendas and Minutes. As always, additional details about City Council agenda topics are often available as attachments on the City’s website [www.nkc.org](http://www.nkc.org) and later as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-6WpmTG2Ss> part of the approved minutes.