

City of Benton  
State of Kansas  
County of Butler

I, **Craig Dennison**, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of Council Member of the City of Benton, Kansas, So help me God.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of  
December 16th, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

## **A Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-07 Fixing Trash Rates.**

**Moved:** The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Resolution 24-7, Adjusting and Fixing Trash rates for the City of Benton.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-07**

### **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BASIC MONTHLY FEE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas, is heretofore by virtue of Section 15-424 of the Benton City Code, authorized to adjust rates from time to time by Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas as follows:

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 2025, the basic monthly fee for the collection of solid waste within the City of Benton, Kansas is as follows:

Basic Trash Service: \$10.50 per month per customer per container

Recycle Service: \$5.00 per month per customer per container

SECTION 2. The fees set forth herein shall take effect upon its passage by the Governing Body.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas.

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Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Casady, City Clerk



## City of Benton, Kansas

City Of Benton, Ks.  
Joyce Casady, City Clerk

November 26, 2024

Cc: City Administrator Matt Engels

Dear Joyce,

We at Waste Connections appreciate the opportunity to service the trash hauling needs for the City of Benton over the previous years. We value this business relationship we have developed over the past years and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. Waste Connections of Kansas, Inc. is allowed a two percent (2%) increase per the Service Agreement.

Effective January 1, 2025, The City of Benton rates will increase by two percent (2%).

Waste Connections would like the City of Benton to review the rate changes listed below of the two percent (2%) increase on trash and recycle rates effective January 1, 2025. See new rates below.

	<u>Jan 2024 Rate</u>	<u>Jan 2025 Rate</u>	
Trash Cart	\$9.13 per mo.	<b>\$9.32 per mo.</b>	Proposed rate \$10.18 to \$10.50
Recycle Cart	\$4.46 per mo.	<b>\$4.55 per mo.</b>	Proposed rate \$4.84 to \$5.00
Total Rate	\$13.59 per mo.	<b>\$13.87 per mo.</b>	Proposed Rate \$15.02 to \$15.50: 3.20%

Second trash cart rate - **\$5.53 per month.**

Second recycle cart rate - **\$4.55 per month**

Once again, we would like to thank you for your community's support. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Herschel West*

Herschel West  
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Municipal Marketing Manager  
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**A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-05, President of the Council.**

**Moved:** The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Ordinance 2024-05 (attached).

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF BENTON, KANSAS**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas:

**Section 1:**

1-206 of the Code of the City of Benton is hereby amended to read as follows: The city council shall elect one of its own body as president of the council. The president of the council shall preside at all meetings of the council in the absence of the mayor. In the absence of both the mayor and the president of the council, the council shall elect one of its members as “acting president of the council.” The president and acting president, when occupying the place of mayor, shall have the same privileges as other councilmembers but shall exercise no veto. The Governing Body shall, at the second regular meeting of the Council following the certification of any November city election, elect one of its members as “President of the Council.” When any vacancy shall happen in the office of Mayor by death, resignation, removal from the City, removal from office, refusal to qualify, or otherwise, the President of the Council for the time being shall exercise the office of Mayor, and all the rights, privileges and jurisdiction of the Mayor, until such vacancy is filled at the next city election or until such disability be removed, or in the case of temporary absence, until the Mayor shall return. Upon any vacancy of the President of the Council, the Governing Body shall elect from its membership a new President of the Council.

**Section 2: AMENDED SECTION.**

Section 1 of this Ordinance shall amend Section 1-206 of the Benton City Code.

**Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**THE GOVERNING BODY  
FOR THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS**

(seal)

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Casady, City Clerk

**A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-06, Powers of the Mayor.**

**Moved:** The Governing Body of the City of Benton adopt Ordinance 2024-06 (attached).

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE POWERS OF THE MAYOR OF BENTON, KANSAS**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the governing body of the City of Benton, Kansas:

**Section 1:**

1-205 of the Code of the City of Benton is hereby amended to read as follows: The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the governing body. The mayor shall have the tie-breaking vote on all questions when the members present are equally divided. The mayor shall:

- (a) Have the superintending control of all officers and affairs of the city;
- (b) Take care that the ordinances of the city are complied with;
- (c) Sign the commissions and appointments of all officers elected or appointed;
- (d) Endorse the approval of the governing body on all official bonds;
- (e) From time to time communicate to the city council such information and recommend such measures as he or she may deem advisable;
- (f) Have the power to approve or veto any ordinance as the laws of the state shall prescribe;
- (g) Sign all orders and drafts drawn upon the city treasury for money;

**Section 2: AMENDED SECTION.**

Section 1 of this Ordinance shall amend Section 1-205 of the Benton City Code.

**Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Benton, Kansas on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**THE GOVERNING BODY  
FOR THE CITY OF BENTON, KANSAS**

(seal)

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tyler Gottschalk, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce Casady, City Clerk





## PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
12/10/2024	12/16/2024	M. Engels

## STATUS SUMMARY

## CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Budget	2	8/2025	Watch trends and steer 2024 to finish line – make EOY transfers and report this to Council.
Development	Ongoing	Ongoing	Continued conversation with engineers. Researching RHID program.

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Storage Building	98	2024	Most equipment moved. Water connected. A few upgrades to make: Shelving, some tools, air comp
Streets	0	12/2025	We will start the process in January of prioritizing street repair and working to put a plan together.

NOTES:

Administration:

This month we’ve been working on internal billing training in the billing department.

We received our annual contractual cost increase notice from Waste Connections and I have included a resolution for you. I sent this out last week so everyone could take a look at it before the meeting.

There have been some news articles about a Wichita water rate increase, but we have yet to receive an official notification that we can respond to with our resolution. As soon as this happens, I will notify you and we will work this into a water rate resolution.

For the year-end portion of the report, Dan asked us to put together a quick video that might be more accessible for our citizens. We’ll get it posted after you view it. To summarize, we’ve made some great visible improvements for our citizens, some great invisible water/sewer repairs and maintenance, and some strides in our revenue and taxing structure. We are just starting to see the result of the sales tax change, and that is also evident in our ability to move our mil levy. Unless significant improvements were made to a property, most Benton residents should see lower property taxes paid to the City of Benton.



## Executive Session motion

Moved:

That the governing body recess into executive session IAW K.S.A. 75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters/attorney client privilege. Further, required to attend this session is the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body return to open session at \_\_\_\_\_PM