

Notice of Public Hearing

The Public Utility Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. (during the regular Council meeting) to receive comments on making an addition to the Chapter 3 Ordinance and adding Section 3.31 which refers to utility meter access and establishing a non-compliance surcharge. The full Section 3.31 is below.

The public hearing will be held at 4:30 on Monday, June 22nd, 2026 in the Council Chambers located at 302 Roosevelt Street, Coleraine, MN 55722.

Section 3.31 (new) – Utility Meter Access and Establishing a Non-Compliance Surcharge

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLERAINE, MINNESOTA, REGARDING UTILITY METER ACCESS AND ESTABLISHING A NON-COMPLIANCE SURCHARGE.

Subd. 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.

The City of Coleraine owns, operates, and maintains public water and sewer systems. Accurate metering is essential for the equitable distribution of utility costs and the preservation of public infrastructure. The city requires periodic access to customer premises to inspect, maintain, repair, test, and install city-owned utility meters.

Subd. 2. COMPLIANCE AND ACCESS REQUIRED.

All Coleraine utility customers shall permit authorized city employees or designated representatives' free access to their premises at reasonable hours for the purpose of reading, testing, inspecting, repairing, removing, or installing city-owned water and sewer meters.

Subd. 3. PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

- A. If a utility customer refuses, fails, or neglects to provide the City or its authorized representatives with access to the property for the meter maintenance or installation after reasonable notice has been given, a non-compliance utility rate shall be applied.
- B. During the period of non-compliance, the customer's combined water and sewer bill shall be set at a flat rate of \$500.00 per month. This rate shall replace the standard consumption and base charges and will continue each month until compliance is met, and proper access is granted to the City or its representative.

Subd. 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Subd. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Upon request, the City will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. Such requests should be submitted via e-mail to: banderson@colerainemn.gov or by phone at 218.245.2112.

Questions can be answered by calling the City Clerk's office @ 218.245.2112.