



2025-26 La Crosse High School Leopard basketball team members include: (left to right) front row, Ryland Baalmann, Dalton Backstrom, John Doornbos, Theoden Hedding, Trenton Skillett, Tyron Steinert, Reece Morgan, Lee Holopirek, Connor Spreier; middle row, Zach Holopirek, Jason Baez, Brantley Spreier, Gage Kendall, Jordan Drew, Marcus Thielhaus, Kingston McLaughlin, Tucker Thompson; back row, Coach Kyle Schmidt, Hooper Castaneda, Christian Rush, Eli Morgan, Colby Rush, Chase Dreiling, Carter Morgan, Cade Holopirek, and Kolton Appel. Not pictured are Asst. Coach Erhik Hermosillo and Assistant Coach Colby Stull. (school courtesy photos)



2025-26 La Crosse High School Lady Leopard basketball team members include: (left to right) front row, Madison Morgan, Clara Thielhaus, Hannah Dellett; middle row, Kortny Shull, Rylie Larson, Faith Hammeke, Maggie Showalter; back row, Manager Kamryn Anderson, Sophie Scheib, Kendra Marvin, Kynli Shull, Rianna Merchant, and Asst. Coach Lori Dierksen. Not pictured is Coach Jamie Castaneda.



2025-26 La Crosse Middle School Leopard Cub basketball team members include: (left to right) first row, Easton Pfannenstiel, Grayson Tuzicka, Carson Dellett; second row, Jessie Beam, Tyler Holopirek, Gage Dreiling, Gage Hammeke, Jace Baalmann, Camden Gomez; third row, Roman Gonzales, Dice Felder, Beau Morgan, James Littler, Robert Schlegel, Jaxon Baez; fourth row, Coach Andrew Schroter, Kamden McLaughlin, Creed Morgan, TJ Steinert, Brady Rice, Joey, and Coach Dylan Schmidt.



2025-26 La Crosse Middle School Lady Leopard Cub basketball team members include: (left to right) first row, Adryan Epke, Wrynn Baalmann, Jodie Baalmann; second row, Mollie Georg, Tenley Frick, Jordyn Muller; third row, Harper McCormick, Amelia Hoff, Jacque Littler; fourth row, Coach Avery Caselman, Hendrix Bonjorno, Danica Vap, Kaylee Bright, and Coach Paisley Smyth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ORDINANCE 2025-03
(Repeals Ordinance 2016-01 and 2015-05)
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE AND FACILITIES RELATING TO THE USE AND SALE OF WATER WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LIEBENTHAL, KANSAS. REPEALING EXISTING ORDINANCES CONFLICTING HEREIN, SPECIFICALLY ORDINANCES 2016-1 AND 2015-5 OF THE CITY OF LIEBENTHAL, KANSAS.

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Liebenenthal, Rush County, Kansas as follows:
SECTION 1. INSTALLATIONS, WATER METER, CONNECT FEES, AND DISCONNECT/RECONNECT FEES

A. All water service customers shall, at their own expense, connect their water lines to the water meters of the City. The connection to the water meters shall be under the supervision of the City and shall be in full compliance with all applicable ordinances and regulations of the City. The City shall not be required to extend service lines and meters more than one hundred feet (100) from a water main. All water mains and lines installed at the expense of the City shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the City.

a. All customers shall pay the sum of sixty dollars (\$60) as a connection fee for all service accounts before water service shall be commenced.

b. If the premise served by a new service account does not have existing City water lines nor a water meter available to service that premise, then in such case, a water meter or water line installation charge shall be paid by the customer before water services shall be furnished. All fees for excavation for underground installation of any water line shall be at the customer's expense, and prior approval of the contractor/excavator must be obtained from the City before and excavating or installation begins. In addition, a City official or designated representative of the City shall be present for hook-up and inspection prior to service being connected. No service shall be commenced until a final inspection is conducted by the City and the same is approved.

SECTION 2. WATER RATES

A. The monthly water rates for individually metered service units within the corporate limits of the City shall be as follows:

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE:

All users shall pay a minimum charge of forty-five dollars (\$45) per month, which shall include water usage up to and including nine hundred ninety-nine (0-999) gallons of water used in the billable month.

The minimum charge will ensure the City has the financial ability to operate, maintain, and repair the water facilities and R.O. (Reverse Osmosis) Units. The Governing Body of the City of Liebenenthal shall reassess the current rates on an annual basis and reserves the right to repeal or establish new water rates as deemed necessary to ensure all State and Federal regulations continue to comply with the operation, maintenance, and repair of the City's Water System. The rate increase shall be not more than 5% per year. Rate increases shall commence on the 1st day of January following the approval of the rate increase.

ADDITIONAL USE CHARGES:

For water use of one thousand to four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (1000 to 4999) gallons in a billable month, there shall be an additional charge of twelve dollars (\$12) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons or any portion thereof.

For water use of five thousand (5,000) gallons or more per billable month there shall be an additional charge of fifteen dollars (\$15) for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons or any portion thereof.

APPLICABILITY:

Services provided under this schedule of rates are applicable to individually metered service units for all normal domestic water users within the corporate limits of the City. The City expressly reserves the right to require special contracts for service in the event of unusual water requirements or methods of dispensing water from

the City water system and for users outside the corporate limits of the City.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:

For miscellaneous and tank water sales provided at a dispensing station or by agreement with the City, at a hydrant, and not delivered to a service connection attached to the municipal distribution system, the charges will be set by the Governing Body as needed, provided that delivery of any such sales shall be made only on such terms and conditions as the City, in its sole discretion, shall deem to be appropriate under the circumstances.

SECTION 3. BILLING, DELINQUENCY, DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION OF SERVICES

A. Bills due for water service for the previous one (1) month period will be sent by the City to the customer on or about the first day of each calendar month. Payment is due on all accounts on the fifteenth (15th) day of each calendar month.

B. In the event a bill for water services has not been paid by that time, a late fee of ten dollars (\$10) will be charged. The delinquent account and late fee must be paid by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the calendar month.

C. If water bills have not been paid as set forth in Subsection B above, the City will disconnect water service for the delinquent account, after a hearing if the water service customer requests one.

D. In the event a bill for water services has not been paid by that time, a late fee of ten dollars (\$10) will be charged. The delinquent account and late fee must be paid by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the calendar month.

E. If water bills have not been paid as set forth in Subsection B above, the City will disconnect water service for the delinquent account, after a hearing if the water service customer requests one.

F. If service is disconnected due to failure to pay as indicated, a fifteen-dollar (\$15) disconnect fee will be charged to the delinquent account. The customer may have water services restored by the City upon meeting the following conditions:

1. The customer must pay a sixty-dollar (\$60) reconnect fee.

2. The customer must pay the fifteen-dollar (\$15) disconnect fee. Any delinquent charges, including late fees for water services, must be paid in full.

G. In the event a good-standing water service customer provides a water supply to a water service customer that has had their water service disconnected due to delinquency, the minimum water charge will be assessed to the supplying water service customer.

SECTION 4. RIGHTS OF CITY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND AUTHORIZED AGENTS TO ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY

A. The officials, employees and authorized agents of the City have the sole and exclusive right to enter upon private property served by City water service under the provisions of this ordinance to read water meters and to inspect City water lines, mains, water meters, and reverse osmosis units or any other items that are subject to the providing water service by the City to the customer. Any person using City water services consents to the entry upon the customer's private property by City officials, employees, and authorized agents for the purpose as set forth herein.

SECTION 5. APPLICABILITY AND REPEAL

A. Ordinance 2016-1, Ordinance 2015-5, and any other provisions of ordinance of the City of Liebenenthal, conflicting herein, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. ENACTMENT

A. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after publication in the official City newspaper.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Liebenenthal, Kansas on this 15th day of December, 2025.

CITY OF LIEBENTHAL, KANSAS
Darrell Warner
Mayor

ATTEST:
Beverly Stark
City Clerk

The Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Terry Warner

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Immanuel
Foundation Scriptures:
Isaiah 7:14; 8:5-10;
Matthew 1:28

So, Moses said, "This is what the Lord says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the first-born son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the first born of the cattle as well.'" (Exodus 11:4-5; NIV)

We now move on, in history, from being miraculously delivered out of Egypt to God coming down to talk with Moses on Mount Sinai. "Put limits around the mountain and tell them, 'Be careful that you do not go up to the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.'" (Exodus 19:12, NIV)

We see the Israelites leave Egypt by great signs and still fighting and complaining to Moses and God and continued in their own headstrong path.

It becomes obvious that trying to follow God from rules and regulations would not be sufficient to deliver them completely from the sin of Adam and Eve. Why? Because the sacrifices of blood was not strong enough or powerful enough to wash away the root of our problem, Sin.

"(4) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take

away sins. (5) Wherefore when He comes into the world, he says, "Sacrifice and offerings you would not, but a body You had prepared me: (6) In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have had no pleasure. (7) Then said I [Jesus], Lo, I have come (in the volume of the Book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God." (Hebrews 10: 4-7)

In the era of 735-732, Isaiah, writing under the influence of the Holy Spirit prophesied, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold the young woman who is unmarried and a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, And shall call His name Immanuel [God with us]." (Isaiah 7: 14; Amplified) [Isaiah 9:6; Jeremiah 31:22; Micah 5:3-5; Matthew 1:22-23]

So, God sent His Son, born of a virgin, sinless, and being the Son of God that takes away the sin of the world, and made the final sacrifice by shedding His own Blood on the Cross and made us Kings and Priests (Revelation 1:6) and we have full access to the throne of God!

If you have put your faith and trust in Jesus, then you are seated with Him in the Throne Room of God. (Ephesians 2: 6-10)

Run to Jesus, run up the mountain to your place seated with Jesus Christ, in heavenly places, far above all principalities, power, and names.

Merry Christmas!

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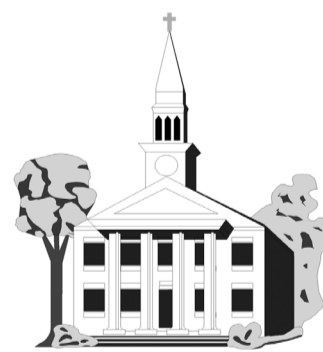
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