

AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CARO CITY COUNCIL
June 8, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Welcome Sign – City of Caro
2. FY 2026/2027 Fee Schedule
3. City Dump Hours
4. Animal Ordinance – Proposed Changes/Additions
5. Parking Issues – Burnside Street
6. Service Drive – Starbucks/Dairy Queen
7. Lions Head Fountain – Ownership/Funding

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Average Cost Increase with 8000 Gallons Usage

Water	Base rate	0.41
	Usage	0.56
Sewer	Base rate	0.55
	Usage	3.92
Trash		1.18
Total for 2 months		6.62

	2025/2026 Rate	Rate at 3%	Increase
Meter size			
Inside water			
3/4	13.63	14.04	0.41
1	22.73	23.41	0.68
1 1/2	45.45	46.81	1.36
2	72.72	74.90	2.18
3	136.38	140.47	4.09
4	227.30	234.12	6.82
6	454.59	468.23	13.64
8	727.70	749.53	21.83
Water rate per 1000 gallons	2.48	2.55	0.07
Outside Water			
3/4	27.05	27.86	0.81
1	45.44	46.80	1.36
1 1/2	90.92	93.65	2.73
2	145.46	149.82	4.36
3	272.76	280.94	8.18
4	454.59	468.23	13.64
6	909.18	936.46	27.28
8	1,454.40	1,498.03	43.63
Water rate per 1000 gallons	4.97	5.12	0.15
Inside/Outside Sewer Rates		Rate at 4%	
3/4	13.63	14.18	0.55
1	22.73	23.64	0.91
1 1/2	45.45	47.27	1.82
2	72.72	75.63	2.91
3	136.38	141.84	5.46
4	227.30	236.39	9.09
6	454.59	472.77	18.18
8	727.70	756.81	29.11
Sewer rate per 1000 gallons	12.33	12.82	0.49
Trash		Rate at 4%	
Residential	29.35	30.53	1.18
	30.96	32.20	1.24

City of Caro Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Water/Sewer Rates

Inside City Water Rates

Meter size	¾ inch	\$13.63
Meter size	1 inch	\$22.73
Meter size	1 ½ inch	\$45.45
Meter size	2 inches	\$72.72
Meter size	3 inches	\$136.38
Meter size	4 inches	\$227.30
Meter size	6 inches	\$454.59
Meter size	8 inches	\$727.70

Water rate inside city per 1,000 gallons used \$2.48.

Outside City Water Rates

Meter size	¾ inch	\$27.05
Meter size	1 inch	\$45.44
Meter size	1 ½ inch	\$90.92
Meter size	2 inches	\$145.46
Meter size	3 inches	\$272.76
Meter size	4 inches	\$454.59
Meter size	6 inches	\$909.18
Meter size	8 inches	\$1454.40

Water rate inside city per 1,000 gallons used \$4.97.

Metered Sewer Rates – Inside and Outside Rates

Meter size	¾ inch	\$13.63
Meter size	1 inch	\$22.73
Meter size	1 ½ inch	\$45.45
Meter size	2 inches	\$72.72
Meter size	3 inches	\$136.38
Meter size	4 inches	\$227.30
Meter size	6 inches	\$454.59
Meter size	8 inches	\$727.70

Per 1,000 gallons of use: \$ 12.33/1,000 gallons of water used.

Water Related Fees

Additional Units – Water	\$4.00 per unit (apartments, duplex, etc.)
Additional Units – Sewer	\$2.00 per unit (apartments, duplex, etc.)
Meter Testing	\$20.00
Inspection fee	\$20.00 – Business hours.
Inspection fee	\$55.00 – non-Business hours.
Final read	\$15.00 – Business hours.

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Final read	\$55.00 – non-Business hours.
Turn on and off	\$15.00 each – Business Hours.
Turn on and off	\$55.00 each – non-Business hours.
Meter and Parts	At City Cost
Bulk Water Sales	\$22.00 base cost plus unit cost per thousand
Additional Meter	\$145.00 (meter \$125.00 plus \$20.00 inspection fee)

Tap In Fees – Sewer and Water

1" tap in	\$1,040.00 each
1 ½" tap in	\$1,300.00 each
2" tap in	\$1,560.00 each
4" tap in	\$1,664.00 each
6" tap in	\$2,496.00 each
8" tap in	\$3,640.00 each
12" tap in	\$4,160.00 each

Meter Prices

1/2" x 5/8" with touchpad	\$125.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
5/8" x 3/4" with touchpad	\$125.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
3/4" with touchpad	\$175.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
1" with touchpad	\$215.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
1 1/2" with touchpad	\$530.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
2" with touchpad	\$715.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
4" turbo with touchpad	\$2,150.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)
6" turbo with touchpad	\$4,525.00 at current market rate (subject to increase)

Rubbish and Trash

All fees for rubbish and trash include a State of Michigan mandated Environmental Surcharge.

Residential and commercial rubbish and trash collection costs are determined by the Emterra contract. A Commercial Hand Stop pickup is designed for smaller businesses that generate more waste than a typical residence but not enough to warrant a full dumpster.

Residential rubbish and trash pickup from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be \$30.92 every two months.

Dumpster bi-monthly fees vary depending on the size of the dumpster and how frequently it is emptied.

Commercial Hand Stop Fees July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be \$32.00 every two months.

Dumpster administrative fee	\$6.30
Commercial Hand stop fee	\$3.15

City of Caro Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Zoning Board of Appeals

\$50.00 application

\$250.00 Regular Hearing

\$500.00 Violation Hearing

Planning Commission

Rezoning

\$50.00 application

\$400.00 Administration & Planning Commission Meeting

Site Plan Review/Special Land Use/Private Road – Initial submission: Sites up to 1 acre, sites larger than 1 acre could be subject to additional fees.

\$50.00 application

\$500.00 Administration & Planning Commission meeting

\$500.00 Planner

\$1,700.00 Engineer

Subdivision/Condominium/PUD

Fees to be determined by city staff and may depend on the size of the project.

Sign Review

Permanent sign: \$50.00 application \$75.00 administration

Temporary sign: \$50.00 application \$25.00 administration

Site Plan Revision – Re-Submission of plans before final approval of Planning Commission

Re-Submission

\$150.00 Administration & Planning Commission Meeting

Cost per invoice for Planner and/or Engineer

Site Plan Revision – After final approval of Planning Commission with contingencies.

Existing Structure and/or Site Improvement Additions

\$100.00 Administration

Cost per invoice for Planner and/or Engineer

Zoning Permit

\$50.00 application

Food Truck Ordinance Permit Fee

Individual Food Truck: \$25.00 initial application, \$15.00 per renewal in calendar year.

Special Event Permit including Food Trucks: \$50.00 per event.

Mowing Administrative Fee

\$100.00 per billing

Garage Sale Permits

\$1.00 each – 1 permit per sign

Peddler Permits

\$25.00/day or \$100.00/week – 1 week maximum

City of Caro

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fire Protection Service Fees

The following fees will be assessed for services provided by the Caro Fire Department for incidents occurring with the City of Caro:

Industrial/Commercial Fires	
\$1,000	per hour for the first two hours
\$650	per hour for each hour thereafter

Residential Fires	
\$750	per hour for first hour
\$300	per hour for each hour thereafter

Vehicles	
\$750	per hour for the first hour
\$300	per hour for each hour thereafter for all except Electric Vehicles
\$100	per hour for each hour thereafter for Electric Vehicles

Grass/Fields/Woods Fires	
\$500	for the first hour
\$300	per hour for each hour thereafter

Extrication Calls	
\$1,000	for the first hour
\$300	per hour for each hour thereafter

Hazardous Conditions Calls	
\$1,000	for the first hour
\$500	per hour for each hour thereafter
Department Cost	Haz Mat items used billed at the department's cost

Illegal/Unsafe Fires	
\$500	for the first hour
\$300	per hour for each hour thereafter

False Fire Alarms - Commercial/Business (One free per year)
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\$500 for the first hour \$300 per hour for each hour thereafter

Residential Smoke/Oder/Smoke & CO Detectors Investigations

\$300 for the first hour \$150 per hour for each hour thereafter

Medical Calls

\$100 per call, if applicable (no transport)
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Human Rescue

\$1,000 for the first hour \$300 per hour for each hour thereafter

All other fire calls not described or previous mentioned

\$500 for the first hour \$300 per hour for each hour thereafter

All billing decisions will be made as to the actual call, not the paged-out call.
Depending on the actual responded call, the Fire Chief will have the authority to make the final determination as to what category each call will be billed at.

Proposed ordinance changes / additions

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Chapter 4, sec. 4.

DISPLAY OF DOGS AND CATS TO AUTHORITY

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to show or exhibit, at any reasonable time, any dog or cat in his or her possession or custody to any licensed inspector, police officer, animal control officer, code enforcement officer, or health official of the city or county.
2. Each owner or keeper of a cat within the city shall produce, upon request of a licensed inspector, police officer, animal control officer, code enforcement officer, or health official of the city or county, a certificate of vaccination for such cat.

ADD

SANITATION (Animals)

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animal owned or harbored by him/her to deposit fecal matter in any place other than the premises where the animal is harbored or kept, unless such fecal matter is immediately collected and removed to the premises where the animal is harbored or kept.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to walk any animal on any property not owned by such person, whether public or private, unless such person has an appropriate device for the collection of fecal matter in his immediate possession and an appropriate depository for the transmission of fecal matter to the premises where the animal is harbored or kept.

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ANIMALS EXCLUDED (Animals)

1. Domestic animal:

- a. Chickens
- b. Ducks
- c. Geese
- d. Rabbits

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2. Exotic/wild animal:

- a. Apes, monkeys and related forms, excepting monkeys used to assist disabled persons;
- b. Poisonous reptiles, spiders and insects, but no non-poisonous species;
- c. Constrictor snakes four feet or more in length;
- d. Cats from the wild family, including, but not limited to bobcats, cheetahs, cougars, jaguars, leopards, lions, lynxes, mountain lions, panthers, pumas, tigers;
- e. Non-domesticated carnivorous animals including hybrid crosses of non-domesticated carnivorous animals, including, but not limited to raccoons, skunks, foxes, wolf-dogs, etc.;
- f. Crocodilians, including but not limited to, crocodiles and alligators;
- g. Chondrichthyes, including, but not limited to, sharks;
- h. Struthio, including, but not limited to, ostriches;
- i. Proboscidea, including, but not limited to, elephants;
- j. Perissodactyla, including but not limited to, rhinoceros and other animals with an odd number of toes;
- k. Artiodactyls, including but not limited to, and other hoofed animals with an even number of toes;
- l. All birds of prey, all other poisonous animals and all endangered species.

3. This section shall not apply to the following:

- a. Zoological parks and aquariums that are accredited by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.
- b. Wildlife sanctuaries and nature preserved;
- c. Circuses;
- d. Bona fide scientific, medical, or educational research facilities; or
- e. Properly licensed stables.

ADD

1. Number of animals permitted

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to keep or harbor more than three dogs, three cats or a combination of the two adding up to three older than six months of age at any family dwelling, or any commercial or industrial property.
- b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- i. Puppies and kittens not exceeding six months of age;
 - ii. The business premises of a licensed veterinarian; or
 - iii. Kennels operating in conformance with state law and applicable zoning provisions.
- c. All cats kept or harbored by the owner must be neutered or spayed no older than a year old. **(Put in animal ordinance section and not in zoning.)**

ADD

1. Dog restraint

- a) No dog shall be permitted to run at large at any time (Except at an official "Dog Park"). Dogs may be walked or exercised when they are under restraint, of direct control of the owner or handler, and are prevented from trespassing upon private property not owned by the said dog owner or handler. All dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet long.