



Microsoft Price Increases for 2022

Microsoft has announced price increases for several *Microsoft 365* and *Office 365* subscription plans by as much as 25%. These increases are to take effect starting March 1, 2022.

Microsoft listed the new prices as:

- Microsoft 365 Business Basic, up \$1 to \$6 per month, per user.
- Microsoft 365 Business Premium, up \$2 to \$22 per month, per user.
- Office 365 E1, up \$2 to \$10 per month, per user.
- Office 365 E3, up \$3 to \$23 per month, per user.
- Office 365 E5, up \$3 to \$38 per month, per user.
- Microsoft 365 E3, up \$4 to \$36 per month, per user.

This made me think of how far the free alternatives have come as viable options over the years. For many home users and small businesses these are certainly worth trying out vs. feeding the software giant.

LibreOffice (<https://www.libreoffice.org/download/download/>)

OpenOffice (<http://www.openoffice.org/download/index.html>)

Then there are the free alternatives to graphics products like *Adobe® PhotoShop®* and *Adobe® Illustrator®* as well:

GIMP (<https://www.gimp.org/downloads/>)

Inkscape (<https://inkscape.org/release/inkscape-1.1/>)

Just because they are “free” doesn’t mean you can’t donate your time or money to the fine folks that create such fabulous alternatives! In fact, I highly encourage you to donate something to as many of them as you are able, even if it’s only \$12 (that’s \$1 per month). It’s very nice to be able to try out such software first for free, but if you use it, give them a “Thank you” donation. (I find very easy and safe to do with paypal).

Other groups that could use your small but helpful donations include Wikipedia and Mozilla Firefox!!! If you don’t want to pay by way of money, they could sure use your help as volunteers. Check out their

Well that’s all for this month. Until next month, be safe and kind!

Presidents Corner

Dear Members,

Well another month gone and time to start a new month. At this time we have found out that we can once again meet in the party room at Apple Barrel (at Sapp Bros.) in C.B.

So at this point we do plan to meet for the September 21, 2021 club meeting. We can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,
David Ladd

Please check back often at

<https://www.mapcc.com>

For updates as we have them for our next club meeting.

Thank you for your support.

Meetings – January-November (*usually*)

Apple Barrel (at Sapp Bros.)

2608 S. 24th St.

Council Bluffs, Iowa

MEETING BEGINS: 7 PM (NOT in December)

Minutes of Meeting...

Meeting was called off due to the continued health concerns from those not yet vaccinated.

First Drawing

The \$10 drawing was won by N/A.

Minutes and Treasury Report

Minutes and treasury report will be read at next meeting. (we hope)

Old Business

No old business due to no meeting.

New Business

No new business due to no meeting.

Demo

The “demo” was not shown, but hopefully we will be able to meet in the fall of 2021.

Stick-Around Drawing

The stick around drawing (\$0.00) was not done due to not meeting.

Adjourned

No meeting!

Minutes recorded by Bruce 08/17/2021

M.A.P.C.C.

Established 1982

The Metro Area Personal Computer Club Newsletter is published monthly and posted on the club website: <http://www.mapcc.com>

Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (*WHEN ALLOWED TO*)

Apple Barrel (party room)

2608 S. 24th St.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Elected Officers:

President: David Ladd

Vice President: Kevin Holloway

Secretary: Bruce

Treasurer: Kevin Holloway

Appointed Officers:

Newsletter Editor: Bruce

Annual Membership Dues:

Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$20.00

Club Motto:

“Pass It On”

Contact: (531) 600-8847