

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING AND REENACTING SUBSECTION (b)(1) OF SECTION 925.03 ("CHARGES LEVIED.") OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INCREASED SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR USERS OF THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 13031/2021

WHEREAS, a Sanitary Sewer Rate Study was prepared by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) dated May 6, 2021 (herein referred to as the "Study"), proposing to provide adequate operating revenue(s) to pay for qualifying expenditures; provide adequate debt service coverage for current and needed improvements; and maintain a positive cash flow in the sanitary sewer enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the current wastewater treatment processes and sewage pumping stations were constructed or refurbished approximately 35 years ago and are at and/or nearing many points of failure; and

WHEREAS, the treatment plant is at hydraulic capacity, severely limiting the addition of new industry to our service area until a treatment plant expansion can be completed; and

WHEREAS, portions of the sanitary sewers are in need of modifications to reduce the possibility of basement flooding; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the proposed charge per customer category, in the Study, and has concluded that the proposed charges do not exceed the reasonable cost of providing sanitary sewer service and facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to establish these new sanitary sewer rates for the preservation of the public health and safety based on the reasons listed above to provide adequate operating revenues and to pay for these necessary improvements; and

WHEREAS, the revenue derived from the user rates shall be used in a manner consistent with the City's ordinances pertaining to wastewater and sewer services, including, without limitation, the repayment of current State Revolving Fund Loans and other debt service with respect to the financing of needed capital improvements for the treatment plant, the sewage pumping stations and the sanitary sewer system; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That subsection (b)(1) of Section 925.03 ("CHARGES LEVIED.") of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren be, and hereby is, repealed in its entirety.

Section 2: That subsection (b)(1) of Section 925.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren be, and the same hereby is reenacted as follows:

(b) (1) Rates for Metered Users. The rates to be charged, based as aforesaid, for metered users of the system shall be, and are, as follows:

Total Service Charge:

Inside City customers

effective 9/1/21 = \$3.69 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/22 = \$3.91 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/23 = \$4.14 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/24 = \$4.39 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/25 = \$4.66 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/26 = \$4.94 per 100 cubic feet

Outside City customers

effective 9/1/21 = \$5.18 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/22 = \$5.49 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/23 = \$5.82 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/24 = \$6.17 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/25 = \$6.54 per 100 cubic feet
effective 9/1/26 = \$6.94 per 100 cubic feet

Minimum bill per month:

Inside City customers

effective 9/1/21 = \$8.59
effective 9/1/22 = \$9.10
effective 9/1/23 = \$9.65
effective 9/1/24 = \$10.23
effective 9/1/25 = \$10.84
effective 9/1/26 = \$11.49

Outside City customers

effective 9/1/21 = \$17.16
effective 9/1/22 = \$18.19
effective 9/1/23 = \$19.28
effective 9/1/24 = \$20.44
effective 9/1/25 = \$21.67
effective 9/1/26 = \$22.97

Rates for Non-metered Users: the rates to be charged for Non-metered Users of the System shall be flat rates as follows:

Inside City customers

effective 9/1/21 = \$37.15 per month
effective 9/1/22 = \$39.38 per month
effective 9/1/23 = \$41.75 per month
effective 9/1/24 = \$44.25 per month
effective 9/1/25 = \$46.90 per month
effective 9/1/26 = \$49.72 per month

Outside City customers

effective 9/1/21 = \$46.44 per month
effective 9/1/22 = \$49.22 per month
effective 9/1/23 = \$52.18 per month
effective 9/1/24 = \$55.31 per month
effective 9/1/25 = \$58.63 per month
effective 9/1/26 = \$62.15 per month

A Non-metered User of the system who has not paid any sewer charges for such use shall, as a condition of continued use, pay a sum equal to the appropriate above flat rate multiplied by the number of months of such unpaid use of the system.

Section 3: That of the increases provided for within this ordinance that they shall be allocated as follows:

O.M. & R. (Fund 703) 100%

Section 4: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and in order to continue efficient service by the Water Pollution Control Center at the earliest possible time and without undue delay. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed in Council this 14TH day of JULY 2021.

SIGNED: [Signature] ATTEST: [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF-COUNCIL CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 7-14-2021

DATE APPROVED: 7-14-2021

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MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO