

REQUESTED BY:
STEINBECK

LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0383

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE RATE STUDY IN THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 13239/2023

WHEREAS, due to the Ohio EPA-mandated compliance for supplying potable water to the City of Warren's water customers, chemicals are required to treat the water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department has been experiencing a steady increase in maintenance and operations as well as chemical costs to treat water due to inflation and supply and demand; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren's water main infrastructure, some of which is over one hundred years old, will need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, in order to overcome these challenges while remaining fiscally responsible, the City of Warren desires to conduct a comprehensive rate study; NOW THEREFORE

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

Section 1: That the Mayor and Director of Public Service of Safety be, and hereby are, authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Warren to solicit qualifications from engineering firms and enter into a contract(s) according to law to perform a comprehensive rate study.

Section 2: That any contract to be entered into or participated in pursuant to the aforementioned study shall first be approved by the Law Director, and the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to disburse said funds upon receipt of the proper vouchers, signed by the proper persons, for the stated purpose and for no other purpose.

Section 3: 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 for the further reason to alleviate the increasing costs of maintenance, operations, chemical costs, and water line replacement in the City of Warren at the earliest possible time and without undue delay. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 24TH day of MAY, 2023.

SIGNED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 5-24-2023

DATE APPROVED: 5-24-2023

[Signature]
MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO