

ORDINANCE No. 5317

ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 13, WATER AND SEWERS, OF THE WHEELING MUNICIPAL CODE (WATER AND SEWERS)

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have reviewed the recommendation of village staff regarding proposed changes to the water and sewer user charges and stormwater utility fees; and

WHEREAS, charges shall be made to the consumers of water, sewer, and stormwater services that are sufficient to pay the costs, maintenance, operations, and depreciation of the water, sewer and stormwater systems and to pay the principal and interest of any bonds that may be issued for the construction, installation, repair and improvement of the water, sewer, and stormwater systems; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees deem it to be in the best interest of the Village to amend Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal code, to amend the schedule of fees for water consumed and sewer and stormwater system services used to ensure sufficient funding for the operation of the water, sewer and stormwater systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING, COUNTIES OF COOK AND LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS:

SECTION A

Title 13, Water and Sewers, Section 13.04.200, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.04.200 Schedule of fees for water consumed.

(a) For all water billed by the Village of Wheeling during January 2020, and thereafter, the consumer shall pay six dollars and forty three cents (\$6.43) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(b) Each and every user, consumer, or property that is connected to the Village's water service shall pay a minimum bi-monthly Basic User Charge of nineteen dollars and twenty nine cents (\$19.29) for water billed in January 2020, and thereafter.

(c) Bulk water users may purchase water from the public works hydrant at a minimum charge of twenty five dollars and seventy two cents (\$25.72), or to be billed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section if the amount of water purchased exceeds twenty five dollars and seventy two cents (\$25.72).

SECTION B

Title 13, Water and Sewers, Section 13.08.080(d), of the Wheeling Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) Basic User Charge. There shall be and there is established a Basic User Charge for the connection to, use of, and for service supplied by the sewer system of the Village. A Basic User Charge is established as follows: For bills during January 2020, and thereafter, one dollar and fifty nine cents (\$1.59) per one thousand gallons (1,000) of billed water usage;

A minimum charge, as follows:

For water billed during January 2020, and thereafter, four dollars and seventy seven cents (\$4.77) per bi-monthly billing period shall be applied to all users whose water consumption does not exceed three thousand (3,000) gallons per bi-monthly billing period. All non-metered residential users of the waste water system shall pay a minimum flat rate of twenty five dollars and forty four cents (\$25.44). The flat rate will allow a maximum of sixteen thousand (16,000) gallons per bi-monthly billing period.

In the event use of the sewer system is determined by the Village to be in excess of sixteen thousand (16,000) gallons per bi-monthly billing period, the Village may require such flat rate user to install metering devices on the water supply or sewer system service line to measure the amount of service supplied.

SECTION C

Title 13, Water and Sewers, Section 13.14.060, of the Wheeling Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.14.060 Stormwater Utility Fee.

A. Fee Imposed. A stormwater utility fee is hereby imposed on the owners of property in the village. The village board shall retain at all times the power and authority to set stormwater utility fee rates. The village shall review the adequacy of the stormwater utility fee rate annually in connection with the budget process. The rate may be revised to reflect any changes in local capital costs, operation, or maintenance, plus replacement codes.

B. Rates. The stormwater utility fee for all parcels in the village shall be based on the amount of impervious area on the parcel. The billing unit shall be based on the mean level of imperviousness on single family residential parcels. This billing unit is known as an equivalent runoff unit ("ERU") and a single ERU has been determined to be three thousand square feet of impervious surface in the village. All parcels in the village shall be assessed a minimum of one ERU.

1. Effective January 1, 2020, the stormwater utility fee rate per equivalent runoff unit ("ERU") per month shall be three dollars (\$3.00). The stormwater utility fee shall be a monthly fee.

2. Single Family Residential. Each parcel that contains a single family residential dwelling unit shall be assessed only one ERU per parcel.

3. Non-Single Family Residential. All non-single family residential parcels in the village shall be assessed a stormwater utility fee based on the measured number of ERU's on the parcel multiplied by the rate per ERU as set forth in subsection B.1. above, but not less than one ERU per parcel.

SECTION D

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal code which are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted; and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to amend any portion

of the Wheeling Municipal Code other than that expressly amended in Sections A, B and C of this Ordinance.

SECTION E

If any provision of this Ordinance, or any application thereof to any person, property or circumstance, shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

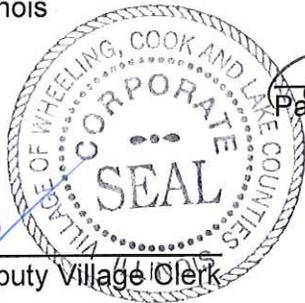
SECTION F

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Trustee LANG moved, seconded by Trustee RUFFATTO, that Ordinance No. 5317 be adopted.

President Horcher	<u>AY</u>		
Trustee Krueger	<u>AY</u>	Trustee Ruffatto	<u>AY</u>
Trustee Lang	<u>AY</u>	Trustee Vito	<u>AY</u>
Trustee Papantos	<u>AY</u>	Trustee Vogel	<u>ABSENT</u>

ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2019, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wheeling, Illinois



Patrick Horcher
Patrick Horcher, Village President

ATTEST:

Karen Henneberry
Karen Henneberry, Deputy Village Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

James V. Ferla
Village Attorney

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE

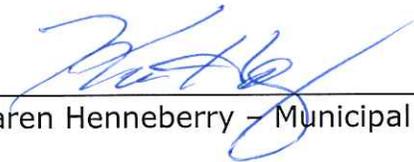
I, Karen Henneberry, certify that I am the duly appointed Municipal Deputy Clerk of the Village of Wheeling, Cook & Lake Counties, Illinois.

I further certify that on December 16, 2019, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 5317 entitled "**Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal Code (Waters and Sewers)**" which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 5317, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on December 17, 2019, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

DATED at Wheeling, Illinois, this 16th day of December, 2019.





Karen Henneberry - Municipal Deputy Clerk



Agenda Item Details

Meeting Dec 16, 2019 - Village Board Regular Meeting Agenda

Category 13. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

Subject O. Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Title 13, Water and Sewers, of the Wheeling Municipal Code (Waters and Sewers)

Access Public

Type Action

Fiscal Impact Yes

Dollar Amount 9,637,035.00

Budgeted Yes

Budget Source Water and Sewer Fund and Stormwater Funds

Recommended Action Motion to Approve

Public Content

From: Michael Mondschain, Finance Director
Subject: Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Fee Increase

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As discussed at the November 3 budget workshop, a 3.08% increase in water and sewer rates and a .25 cent increase in the stormwater fee are necessary to ensure that sufficient funds are available to operate and maintain the water, sanitary, and stormwater service systems. The attached ordinance, if approved, adjusts these rates beginning in January 2020.

MEMO

Water and Sewer Rates

Several years ago the Village conducted a water and sewer rate study to ensure adequate funding of the Water and Sewer Fund. The engineering firm hired to conduct the study presented the Board with four options for rate increases. After reviewing each of the options, the Board voted for one that was structured to produce enough revenue to offset the annual costs of operating the system and pay for a proactive water main replacement program on a pay-as-you-go basis, without having to rely on issuing long-term debt.

The option the Board chose was also structured to help achieve and maintain a fund balance goal of 25% to ensure that the Village would have adequate cash reserves for unplanned repair and replacement projects and emergencies, without having to borrow from other funds or incur debt to cover such expenses. To achieve these goals, the study recommended that the Village approve annual increases to the water and sewer rates to offset rising costs, something the Board has done every year since 2004.

For 2020, staff is recommending a rate increase of .24 cents (3.08%) per 1,000 gallons in order to provide adequate funding to operate the water and sewer system now and in the future. The proposed rate increase will fund the projects included in the Capital Improvement Program and maintain a minimum 25% fund balance reserve (assuming certain assumptions regarding water sales and future rate increases are realized) through Fiscal Year 2024.

If approved, the rate increase will apply to all water billed beginning in January 2020 and continuing thereafter with rates changing from \$7.78 per 1,000 gallons to \$8.02 per 1,000 gallons. The increase would cost the "average" resident (based on using 7,000 gallons per month) an additional \$1.68 per month or \$20.16 per year. Listed below is a history of water and sewer rate increases since 2011.