

ORDINANCE 25-03

ORDINANCE UPDATING RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER SERVICE OF THE VILLAGE OF MECHANICSBURG, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Village of Mechanicsburg is a municipality formed under the laws of the State of Ohio which, as provided in Chapter 743 of the Ohio Revised Code, operates water and wastewater treatment facilities for the purpose of providing such services to citizens and customers; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 17-09 was the most recent update of fees and charges relating to the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of Ordinance 17-09, Operational costs of the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment plants have steadily increased:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MECHANICSBURG, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1:

The Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment plants must be self-supporting, with water charges and fees generating adequate revenue to cover operating costs.

Section 2:

Council hereby deems this Ordinance to be of necessity for the proper running and management of the Water and Sewer Systems. The following new rates, fees, and required procedures are hereby established, relating to the services provided by the water and sewer system of the Village:

Section 3:

Based upon the metered use of water supplied through the system, the new water and sewer rates shall be as follows:

	Rates beginning April 1, 2025	
	Within Boundaries	Outside Boundaries
Water Monthly:		
First 3,000 gallons	\$39.98	\$60.00

Over 3,000 gallons (per additional 1,000 Gal or part thereof)	\$5.07	\$7.61
Vacant Dwelling	\$7.50	\$7.50
Monthly Surcharge	\$5.00	\$5.00
Sewer Monthly:		
First 3,000 gallons	\$52.23	\$78.37
Over 3,000 gallons (Per each additional 1,000 Gal or part thereof)	\$6.61	\$9.91
Vacant Dwelling	\$7.50	\$7.50
Monthly Surcharge #	\$5.00	\$5.00

* In Town Rates

^A Outside Corporation Rates (Surcharge 1.5 times in town rate)

Monthly surcharge for Sewer is \$5.00 per month and remains in place through December 31, 2032

Monthly surcharge for Water is \$5.00 per month and remains in place through December 31, 2032

Section 4: MULTIPLE HOUSING RATES:

All multiple housing units, including apartments, businesses and trailer courts serviced by one meter will be billed as follows:

Each individual unit will be billed the rate of 3,000 gallon minimum charge. Any units consuming gallons over the total of minimum gallons billed shall be charged the rates per each additional 1000 gallons or part thereof.

Section 5: CONTRACTUAL RATES:

Service to commercial establishments may be made by contract if the Village deems that to be in its best interest.

Section 6: CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE CORPORATION LIMIT:

Customers located outside Village corporation limits shall be billed at the rate 1.5 times the rate charged to customers located within the corporation limits.

Section 7: TEMPORARY USERS:

Water furnished to temporary users such as construction contractors shall be charged for the estimated quantity used, multiplied by the applicable rate, plus a 10% (ten percent) service fee, with a minimum charge of \$100.00. Temporary use arrangements shall be made at the Utility Collection office.

Section 8: RECONNECTION CHARGE:

Any customer whose service has been disconnected for nonpayment of charges or for obstruction of service, shall be required to pay a reconnect fee to have service restored (in

addition to bringing the outstanding bill current in its entirety). See fees listed on fee schedule.

Section 9: RETURNED CHECKS:

Any customer whose check was issued to the Village Utility Office for payment is returned from a bank for any reason, shall have a returned check fee at the current rate charged by the depository of the Village. A returned check will result in the immediate termination of service without prior notice to customer. All rates, deposits and fees must be paid in full with cash or money order for service to be reconnected. Customer may be placed on cash only basis. All returned checks are turned over immediately to the Mechanicsburg Police Department for prosecution.

Section 10: SERVICE FEES:

Returned Check Fee.....	\$40.00
Water Disconnect /Reconnect Fee.....	\$30.00
(During Regular Business Hours Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm)	
Water Disconnect/Reconnect Fee.....	\$60.00
(Mon-Fri- after Business Hours)	
Water Disconnect/Reconnect Fee.....	\$100.00
(Holiday and Weekend)	

Service Calls: Water Disconnect/Reconnect Fee where requested by Owner or for Billing shut off

-Normal business hours (Mon-Fri 8 AM - 2 PM)	\$50.00
-After hours.....	\$100.00
-Holiday/Weekend.....	\$150.00

Shutoff Notice (after first offense).....	\$10.00
Deposit Fee.....	\$100.00
Water Meter Test (at Owner's Request).....	\$100.00
(Please note that, per industry standards, a meter will very rarely "read high" if it has gone bad)	
(Additional change-out fee if accurate within +2%).....	\$300.00

New Meter Rental/Installation/Reinstallation Fee (one time charge for new service) (new builds, reinstallation, or replacement of intentionally damaged* meters).\$300.00

*Please note that Intentionally damaged , or tampered meters, will be reported to Mechanicsburg Police

Unused Meter Fee- for buildings that have water turned off but still have an installed meter.....\$25.00/Mo

Section 11: MONTHLY SURCHARGES:

A monthly surcharge of \$5.00 for Water and \$5.00 for Sewer will be charged for each residential unit and each commercial or business unit for upgrades and improvements to the Wastewater System and Water System, continuing through December 2032.

Section 12: ANNUAL COST OF OPERATION INCREASE:

- A. The rates established for the use and services of the Municipal water and sanitary sewer services as established herein shall automatically increase at the rate of three percent (3%) per year.
- B. If, by resolution of the Village Council, the yearly increase is determined to be unnecessary, the increase may be postponed or rescinded by legislative action.

Section 13:

Starting in January 2024, all water bills must be in the homeowner's name. Homeowners will need to register with the Village Utility Office to have anybody other than themselves pay a water bill in person or to manages an account on the homeowner's behalf.

Section 14: SERVICE DISCONNECTION:

All water accounts which exceed a five hundred dollar balance (\$500) will be shut off unless paid in full below the five hundred dollar cap. At the Village's discretion, a payment plan may be established which would take the outstanding balance to zero within three months. There will be no fees to enter the payment plan. However, if a payment is missed during the payment plan period, then the entire amount becomes due immediately, or water service will be disconnected.

Section 15: BULK WATER:

Bulk water will be billed at the out-of-town water rate, with a \$100 minimum charge. Contractors will be required to provide their own backflow preventer with current inspection paperwork. All water must be paid for at the Utility Billing Office, located at 18 North Main Street. A water purchase form must be filled out, and a copy of your valid driver's license is required. Water can then be picked up at water tower, and a bill will be sent to the Billing Office. Payment must be made the same day.

Section 16: EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after passage.

First Reading: 1-6-25

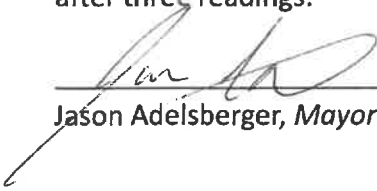
Second Reading: 1-20-25

Third Reading: 2-3-25

Date of Public hearing: 11-25-24

Vote: 4 yea 1 nay ___ abstain

This Ordinance was passed at a regular meeting held on 2-3, 2025
after three readings.



Jason Adelsberger, Mayor



Roger Brake, Clerk of Council

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