

**ORDINANCE 17-04**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO 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**, the cost to run the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment plants has steadily increased, and the water and sewer systems are to be self-supporting; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates and charges for the water and sewer utility are located in several different ordinances, passed during a period of several years, and all are in need of updating and revision, and said ordinances should therefore be repealed and replaced with the ordinance contained herein;

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

**RATES**

There shall be and is hereby established, for services rendered by the water and sewer system of the Village, the following rates and charges based upon the metered use of water supplied through the system:

**METERED RATES:**

There shall be and is hereby established, for services rendered by the water and sewer system of the Village the following rates based upon the metered use of water supplied through the system:

	Current Rates		Rates beginning February 7, 2018	
	In*	Out^	In*	Out^
<b>Water Monthly:</b>				
First 3,000 gallons	\$31.57	\$47.36	3% annual increase	
Over 3,000 gallons (Per each additional 1,000 Gal or part thereof)	\$4.00	\$6.00	3% annual increase	
Vacant Dwellings	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50
Monthly Surcharge #	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
<b>Sewer Monthly:</b>				
	In*	Out^		
First 3,000 gallons	\$41.24	\$61.86	3% annual increase	
Over 3,000 gallons (Per each additional 1,000 Gal or part thereof)	\$5.21	\$7.82	3% annual increase	
Vacant Dwellings	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50
Monthly Surcharge #	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

\* In Town Rates

^ 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, December 31, 2032

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**RECONNECTION CHARGE:** Any customer whose service has been disconnected for non-payment 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.

**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.

**SERVICE CALLS AND EMERGENCY CALLS:** A charge for labor and materials will be made for any service call.

**SURCHARGE:** 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.

**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 Call .....	\$25.00
Shutoff Notice (after first offense) .....	\$10.00
Deposit Fee .....	\$100.00
Water Meter Test (at Owner's Request) .....	\$50.00
(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

**ANNUAL COST OF OPERATION INCREASE:** 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.

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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall take effect the earliest period allowed by law. Council hereby deems this Ordinance to be of necessity for the proper running and management of the Water and Sewer Systems.

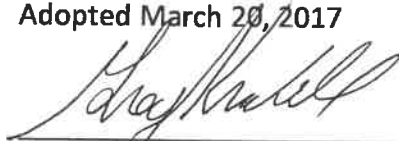
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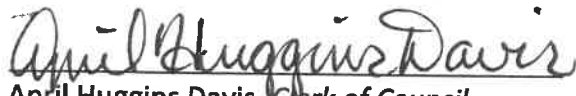


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