

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54, UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM, DIVISION 9, WATER AND SEWAGE BILLS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCHESTER, TO REMOVE SPECIFIC RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER AND RELOCATE SUCH INFORMATION INTO A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER ORDAINS:

Division 9 – Water and Sewage Bills

Sec. 54-205. - Water/sewer rate schedule.

Water and sewer services shall be charged to all users in the City based on the amount of water consumed by the customer as measured by the city's meter located at each respective premises, usage of the sewer system, a flat ready-to-serve MEU (meter equivalent unit) and fee and fixed and variable charges to support water and sewer infrastructure repairs, maintenance, replacement and improvements. Such rates and charges shall annually be reviewed by City Council, and any changes shall be set by City Council from time to time by resolution. Notice of any proposed changes in rate or charges shall be advertised in the newspaper and placed on the City's website at least seven (7) days before any changes are made. Rates and charges established by resolution include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) *Water charges.*
Water rate structure for City well water customers and Great Lakes Water Authority customers, which include rates for water usage, ready to serve, fixed infrastructure and variable infrastructure.
- (2) *Sewer Charges.*
 - a. Sewer rate structure for all customers, which includes rates for sewer usage, ready to serve, fixed infrastructure and variable infrastructure.
 - b. MEU multipliers based on meter size.
 - c. Pretreatment and pollutant surcharges for commercial and industrial customers.
- (3) *Commercial and industrial customers.* For commercial and industrial properties, a pretreatment charge for sanitary sewer flows is assessed by the Great Lake Water Authority (GLWA) to those communities utilizing their waste water treatment plant (WWTP). These charges are modified, from time to time, by the GLWA and are accounted as a pass-through charge by the City. Said pretreatment and pollutant surcharges shall be set by City Council resolution and added to the sewer bills of commercial and industrial customers in addition to the other sewer charges.
- (4) *Special rates.* Rates for flat rate supply, for special supply, or for temporary supply for any purpose shall be fixed by the City Manager.

- (5) *Premises outside corporate limits.* The rates for water supplied for all premises outside the corporate limits of the City shall be 150 percent of the rates charged for premises within the City limits.
- (6) *Temporary fire hydrant.* Service connection fees and temporary meter costs shall be set by City Council resolution. The hydrant connection will be issued by the department of public works. The use of a privately owned hydrant connection is prohibited. The unused portion of the deposited fee will be refunded to the user upon return of the hydrant connection, less any amounts due to the City for water usage.

Sec. 54-208. - Alternate outside sewage rate.

In the event the City Manager determines that a water meter is not necessary or the property is serviced by a private water supply well to measure flow on an outside service, then a quarterly flat rate shall be levied for single services from single-family residences outside the corporate limits of the City.

THIS ORDINANCE shall become effective immediately upon publication.

A true copy of this ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk at the Rochester Municipal Building, 400 Sixth Street, Rochester, Michigan, 48307, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, except weekends and holidays.

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of Rochester, State of Michigan, this 9th day of July, 2018.

CITY OF ROCHESTER

A Michigan Municipal Corporation

By: _____
Rob Ray, Mayor

By: _____
Lee Ann O'Connor, City Clerk