

ORDINANCE 2016 - 12
AN ORDINANCE REVISING WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the Village water and sewer system is intended as an enterprise-funded system that is supposed to generate adequate income to cover the cost of providing water and sewer services throughout the service area and allow for the expansion thereof, all at no cost to the taxpayers of this community, and

WHEREAS, a review of the current ordinances setting forth those regulations has yielded several instances where the rates charged need to be revised both to better fund the system as a whole and to make the billing more equitable, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds and declares that the matters described herein are necessary modifications to support the intentions described hereinabove, and to provide for the ongoing provision of safe potable water and the proper disposal of sewage, and is, therefore, a proper exercise of the Village's police and public safety powers, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 50.027 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

§ 50.027 WATER SERVICE RATES.

(A) All consumers, users, or properties in the village shall pay rates for the use and services of the waterworks and sewerage system in such manner and such amounts as shall be prescribed by ordinance by the President and Board of Trustees from time to time. There shall be and there are hereby established rates or charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the village based upon the amount of water consumed as shown by the water meters, as follows:

(B) *Within the corporate limits.* From and after July 1, 2016, the base rate for each residential single-family, commercial, or industrial user of the water service system within the corporate limits, the quarterly charge shall be as follows:

(1) ~~For the first 5,000 gallons per quarter: \$13 (minimum charge).~~ An infrastructure maintenance fee of \$1.00 per billing cycle shall be added to each water bill issued after July 1, 2016.

(2) For all usage ~~in excess of 5,000 gallons per quarter: \$4.65~~ \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons.

~~—(3) The minimum quarterly charge for water service shall be \$13 per quarter.~~

(4) Where water supplied is not metered, a charge of \$115 per unit per quarter shall be made, and no discount shall be allowed.

(5) In addition to the foregoing rates, there shall be charged to the village the sum of \$1,500 per quarter for water service supplied to the municipality.

(C) *Outside the corporate limits.* Each user of the water service system of the village located outside the corporate limits shall pay as follows:

- (1) For the first 5,000 gallons per quarter: ~~\$26 (minimum charge).~~
- ~~—(2) For all over 5,000 gallons per quarter: \$6.55 all usage: \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.~~

(D) *Automatic adjustment.* Since the village purchases its water from the Lake County Water District, and since that District adjusts the price it charges to the village from time to time, after the effective date of Ord. 2013-O-17, the base rate set forth in the foregoing divisions (B) and (C) shall be adjusted administratively each time that District adjusts the price it charges to the village. All such adjustments shall be proportional to the increase or decrease announced by that District. The Finance Director shall provide timely notices to the Village Board of all such adjustments and the Clerk shall maintain a list of current rates that are readily available during regular business hours to citizens.

SECTION TWO: Section 50.028(A) of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

§ 50.028 SEWER SERVICE RATES.

(A) Title within the corporate limits. For each residential single-family user, rental unit, commercial, or industrial user of the wastewater facilities within the corporate limits, the quarterly charge commencing on and after July 1, 2016 shall be as follows:

- (1) Minimum rate, \$20 per quarter.
- ~~—(2) For the first 5,000 gallons of water used per quarter, \$20.~~
- (3) For all usage ~~over 5,000 gallons of water used per quarter, \$20~~ \$0.80 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION THREE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.

ATTEST:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

JULIE RITTENHOUSE,

INTERIM VILLAGE CLERK