

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance will update portions of the Water and Sewer Rates Fee Schedule and will amend Section 54-134(a) of the City Code.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WASHINGTON WATER AND SEWER RATES, AND  
AMENDING SECTION 54-134(a) OF THE CITY CODE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington is a home rule government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6(a); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Washington may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the City Council.

**Section 2.** That Section 54-134(a) of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, be, and the same hereby is amended as follows:

Sec. 54-134. - Rates for city water service.

(a)The rates for city water service shall be as affixed from time to time by ordinance of the city council and as provided in the city fee schedule.

(1 )From and after May 1, ~~2025~~ ~~2019~~ the flat rate for water service provided to residents of the city shall be as provided in the city fee schedule per 1,000 gallons of water used, as shown by the water meter readings. The rate shall apply to all water used beginning May 1, ~~2025~~, ~~2019~~.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) of this section, from and after May 1, 2019 the flat rate for water service provided to residents of the city determined to be qualified under the Illinois Circuit Breaker Program as administered by the state department of revenue, now known as the Illinois Department on Aging's Benefit Access Program, shall be 18 percent. The application of and eligibility for this rate shall be in accordance with subsection (j) of this section. The rate shall apply to all water used beginning May 1, 2019.

(3) Effective May 1, 2019, a monthly ~~infrastructure~~ fixed fee shall be added to the volumetric/sewer flat charge. The rate shall be introduced over a five-year period beginning with an amount as provided in the city fee schedule in the first year, an additional \$4.00 in the second year, and additional \$3.00 in the third year, an additional amount as provided in the city fee schedule in the fourth year, and an additional an amount as provided in the city fee schedule in the fifth year.

**Effective May 1, 2025, the monthly ~~infrastructure~~ fixed fee shall be as provided in the city fee schedule.** Any senior citizen or circuit breaker discounts, as well as the nonresident surcharge are applicable to the monthly ~~infrastructure~~ fixed fee.

(4 )Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the flat rate for water service provided to commercial water customers located in the Illinois American Water Company's, or its successors in interest, territory that utilizes a three inch or greater sized water meter upon its connection to the city's water service shall be an amount as provided in the city fee schedule per 1,000 gallons of water used, as shown by the water meter readings. The rate shall apply to all water used by applicable customers beginning May 1, 2022. The flat rate provided for herein shall be eligible for any discount and automatic increase identified in this section.

(5) The rates for water service described in subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section shall automatically increase on ~~May 1, 2026 and annually through May 1, 2033, by 4 percent (4%) May 1, 2019, and annually, each May 1 thereafter, by 2.5 percent~~ or the Consumer Price Index for Water, Trash, and Sewer (CPI-W, T&S), whichever is greater, and rounded to the nearest hundredth percent. The rate of CPI-W, T&S shall be calculated annually on January 1 using the preceding 12-month period as measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Effective May 1, 2019 and annually each May 1 thereafter, the automatic water service rate increase shall be applied on the June bill for May water usage.

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**Section 3.** The City Fee Schedule for Water and Sewer Rates effective May 1, 2025, will be as shown on Attachment A to this Ordinance, subject to amendment from time to time by the City Council at its discretion.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall otherwise be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

**Section 5.** Any Section or provision of this Ordinance that is construed to be invalid or void shall not affect the remaining sections or provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect thereafter.

**Section 6:** That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

# WATER AND SEWER RATES

Usage As of May 1, 2025 - 9.0% increase for Water/5.2% incr. for Sewer

Including Infrastructure Fee based on Meter Size

|  |                                      | Single Meter | Dual Meters |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Regular (Resident)                                 | Water per 1000 gallons               | \$ 5.96      | \$ 5.96     |
|  | Sewer per 1000 gallons               | \$ 11.97     | \$ 11.97    |
|  | Volumetric Charge per 1000           | \$ 17.93     | \$ 17.93    |
|  | Water Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 19.04     | \$ 19.04    |
|  | Sewer Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 5.99      | \$ 5.99     |
|  | Technology Fee                       | \$ 3.85      | \$ 5.50     |
| Senior Citizen/<br>Disabled (Resident)             | Water per 1000 gallons               | \$ 5.36      | \$ 5.36     |
|  | Sewer per 1000 gallons               | \$ 10.77     | \$ 10.77    |
|  | Volumetric Charge per 1000           | \$ 16.13     | \$ 16.13    |
|  | Water Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 17.14     | \$ 17.14    |
|  | Sewer Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 5.39      | \$ 5.39     |
|  | Technology Fee                       | \$ 3.85      | \$ 5.50     |
| Circuit Breaker<br>(Resident)                      | Water per 1000 gallons               | \$ 4.89      | \$ 4.89     |
|  | Sewer per 1000 gallons               | \$ 9.82      | \$ 9.82     |
|  | Volumetric Charge per 1000           | \$ 14.71     | \$ 14.71    |
|  | Water Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 15.61     | \$ 15.61    |
|  | Sewer Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 4.91      | \$ 4.91     |
|  | Technology Fee                       | \$ 3.85      | \$ 5.50     |
| Non-Resident                                       | Water per 1000 gallons               | \$ 7.15      | \$ 7.15     |
|  | Sewer per 1000 gallons               | \$ 14.36     | \$ 14.36    |
|  | Volumetric Charge per 1000           | \$ 21.51     | \$ 21.51    |
|  | Water Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 22.85     | \$ 22.85    |
|  | Sewer Infrastructure Fee per Account | \$ 7.19      | \$ 7.19     |
|  | Technology Fee                       | \$ 3.85      | \$ 5.50     |
| Beck's Car Wash                                    | Water per 1000 gallons               | \$ 6.69      |             |
|  | Technology Fee                       | \$ 3.85      |             |
| Water Infrastructure<br>Fee based on<br>meter size | 5/8"                                 | \$ 19.04     |             |
|  | 3/4"                                 | \$ 19.04     |             |
|  | all Tax-Exempt                       | \$ 19.04     |             |
|  | 1"                                   | \$ 29.07     |             |
|  | 1 1/2"                               | \$ 54.14     |             |
|  | 2"                                   | \$ 84.22     |             |
|  | 3"                                   | \$ 179.47    |             |
|  | 4"                                   | \$ 319.84    |             |
| Sewer Flat Rates                                   | Regular (Resident)                   | \$ 70.38     |             |
|  | Fixed Fee                            | \$ 5.99      |             |
|  |                                      | \$ 76.37     | per month   |
|  | Senior Citizen/Disabled (Resident)   | \$ 32.81     |             |
|  | Fixed Fee                            | \$ 5.39      |             |
|  |                                      | \$ 38.20     | per month   |
|  | Circuit Breaker (Resident)           | \$ 26.85     |             |
|  | Fixed Fee                            | \$ 4.91      |             |
|  |                                      | \$ 31.76     | per month   |
|  | Non-Resident                         | \$ 96.34     |             |
|  | Fixed Fee                            | \$ 7.19      |             |
|  |                                      | \$ 103.53    | per month   |