



Memo

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Ed Andrews, PE - Public Works Director
Joanie Baxter, CPA - Controller
DATE: April 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending Chapters 50 and 52

Per discussions with the Committee of the Whole on April 8, 2019 the proposed ordinance amending portions of § 50.50 of Chapter 50 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances entitled "Rates for City Water Service" and § 52.103 of Chapter 52 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances entitled "Base User Charge; Calculation of Rate" has been prepared.

Specifically, the amendments:

- (1) Index the annual cost of inflation from CPI-Consumer Average to CPI-Water, Trash & Sewer.
- (2) Introduce a fixed fee, per account, per month to Water over a five-year (5) period starting with \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2 and \$1 for a total of \$15 (subject to inflationary adjustments).
- (3) Repeal the minimum water charge per meter, per month.
- (4) Introduce a fixed fee, per account, per month to Sewer over a five-year (5) period starting with \$1, \$1, \$1, \$1 and \$1 for a total of \$5 (subject to inflationary adjustments).

cc: File

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance will update portions of the Water and Sewer Rates as currently defined under Chapter 50 and Chapter 52 of the City Code, respectively.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS BY AMENDING 50.50 ENTITLED “RATES FOR CITY WATER SERVICE” AND 52.103 ENTITLED “BASE USER CHARGE; CALCULATION OF RATE”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That § 50.50 of Chapter 50 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances entitled “Rates For City Water Service” is hereby amended by deleting § 50.50 in its entirety and substituting the following hereafter:

§ 50.50 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.
- (1) From and after May 1, 2019, the flat rate for water service provided to residents of the City of Washington shall be \$ 4.51 per 1,000 gallons of water used, as shown by the water meter readings. Said rate shall apply to all water used beginning May 1, 2019
 - (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) above, from and after May 1, 2019, the flat rate for water service provided to residents of the City of Washington determined to be qualified under the Illinois Circuit Breaker Program as administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue shall be discounted by eighteen percent (18%). The application of and eligibility for this rate shall be in accordance with paragraph (I) of §50.50. Said rate shall apply to all water used beginning May 1, 2019.
 - (3) Effective May 1, 2019 a monthly fixed fee shall be added to the volumetric/sewer flat charge. Said rate shall be introduced over a five-year period beginning with \$5 in the first year, an additional \$4 in the second year, an additional \$3 in the third year, an additional \$2 in the fourth year and an additional \$1 in the fifth year. Any senior citizen or circuit breaker discounts, as well as the non-resident surcharge are applicable to the monthly fixed fee.
 - (4) The rates for water service described in subsections (1) (2) and (3) above shall automatically increase on May 1, 2019, and annually each May 1 thereafter, by two and one-half percent (2.5%) or the Consumer Price Index for Water, Trash & 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 twelve (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.

(B) REPEALED

Section 2. That § 52.103 of Chapter 52 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances entitled “Base User Charge; Calculation of Rate” is hereby amended by deleting § 52.103 in its entirety and substituting the following hereafter:

§ 52.103 BASE USER CHARGE; CALCULATION OF RATE

(A) The base user charge shall be defined as follows;

- (1) For single-family residences in User Classes I and IV, the base user charge shall be nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$ 9.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used, or where water consumption does not reflect the actual quantity of wastewater tributary to the wastewater treatment works, nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$ 9.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of wastewater as recorded in a control manhole or flow measuring device required by §52.072.
- (2) For single-family residences in User Classes II and V, the base user charge shall be fifty-five dollars and twenty-two cents (\$ 55.22) per month for each connection to the sewerage system of the city for those users who do not have water meters or flow measuring devices. Single-family residences in User Classes II and V who have water meters or flow measuring devices available, may be charged nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$ 9.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.
- (3) For multi-family residences and commercial establishments in User Classes I, II, IV, and V, the base user charge shall be nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$ 9.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used.
- (4) For industrial establishments in User Classes III and VI, the base user charge shall be nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$ 9.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used, or where water consumption does not reflect the actual quantity of wastewater tributary to the wastewater treatment works, nine dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$ 9.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of wastewater as recorded in a control manhole or flow measuring device required by §52.072.
- (5) For senior citizens in User Class VII, the base user charge shall be equal to the rate for User Class I reduced by an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the rate for User Class I.
- (6) For senior citizens in User Class VIII, the base user charge shall be twenty-five dollars and seventy-four cents (\$ 25.74) per month for each connection to the sewer system of the city.
- (7) For totally and permanently disabled citizens in User Class IX, the base user charge shall be equal to the rate for User Class I reduced by an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the rate for User Class I.
- (8) For totally and permanently disabled citizens in User Class X, the base user charge shall be twenty-five dollars and seventy-four cents (25.74) per month for each connection to the sewer system of the city.

- (9) For single family residences in User Class XI, the base user charge shall be seven dollars and seventy cents (\$ 7.70) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used, or where water consumption does not reflect the actual quantity of wastewater tributary to the wastewater treatment works, seven dollars and seventy cents (\$ 7.70) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of wastewater as recorded in a control manhole or flow measuring device required by Section 52.072.
- (10) For Single family residences in User Class XII, the base user charge shall be twenty-one dollars and seven cents (\$ 21.07) per month for each connection to the sewerage system of the city for those users who do not have water meters or flow measuring devices. Single family residences in User Class XII who have water meters or flow measuring devices available may be charged seven dollars and seventy cents (\$ 7.70) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(C) The rates and charges for sewer services provided herein shall automatically increase on May 1, 2019, and annually on each May 1st thereafter, by two and one-half percent (2.5%) or the Consumer Price Index for Water, Trash & Sewer (CPI-W,T&S) , whichever is greater, and rounded to the nearest hundredth percent . The rate of inflation shall be calculated annually on January 1 using the preceding twelve- (12) month period as measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(D) Effective May 1, 2019 a monthly fixed fee shall be added to the volumetric/sewer flat charge. Said rate shall be introduced over a five-year period beginning with \$1 in the first year, an additional \$1 in the second year, an additional \$1 in the third year, an additional \$1 in the fourth year and an additional \$1 in the fifth year. Fixed fee charges are also subject to annual inflation adjustments as calculated in (C) above. Any senior citizen or circuit breaker discounts, as well as the non-resident surcharge are applicable to the monthly fixed fee.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk