

ORDINANCE NO. 23-54

INTRODUCED BY: Chrymire L. Grackler DATE: 8/21/2023

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 907.07(d) AND (e) OF TIFFIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES INCREASING THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SEWER RATES TO 5%.**

Whereas, with Ordinance No. 20-116, Tiffin City Council decreased the annual percentage increase in sewer rates to 4% during the COVID pandemic to provide financial relief to customers; and

Whereas, the City engaged Raftellis, a utility finance consulting firm, to update its sewer rate study on the City’s sewer utility; and

Whereas, the objectives of the update were to evaluate the financial health of the City’s sewer enterprise, develop a multi-year financial planning forecast, review existing fees and charges, and recommend future rates and charges to support operations and capital improvements especially considering the City’s Long Term Control Plan; and

Whereas, Raftellis recommended an annual sewer rate increase of 5% in order to maintain a strong financial position to provide for operations and projected capital improvements.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIFFIN, OHIO THEREFORE ORDAINS:**

**Section 1:** Sections 907(d) and (e) of Tiffin Codified Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) The following rates shall be charged and collected for the City sewer revenue service:

- (1) Rates. Each user connected to the City wastewater system shall service hundred each pay charges equal to the sum of the bimonthly minimum charge plus the commodity charge of \$7.34 per one cubic foot (cf) of metered water use. Service charges for type of user are as follows:

Inside City Bimonthly Minimum Service Charges

Meter Size (inches)	Total Minimum
5/8	\$38.00
1 S/FM	38.00
1 M/FM	81.35
1-1/2	153.74
2	239.83
3	305.38
4	479.54
6	744.91

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Unmetered wells will be billed as if a 5/8" meter and using cf bimonthly.



- (2) Unmetered wells inside the City will be charged for 1400 cf bimonthly period for each single-family residence or individual apartment within the City's corporation limits.
- (3) Unmetered wells outside the city will be charged 150% of the inside rate for each single-family residence or individual apartment outside the City's corporation limits.
- (4) All users outside of the corporation limit will be billed 150% of the inside sewer rates.
- (5) Properties which were assessed for storm drainage improvements as part of the Miami Street Storm Sewer Project shall receive a credit toward the sewer rate increase established by Ordinance No. 02-11 equal to the amount of the final assessment for the property prior to bonding which was approved by Ordinance No. 98-3. This credit shall be applied to sewer bills for usage for properties at the rate of .40 x the current sewer bill for usage until the credit is zero.

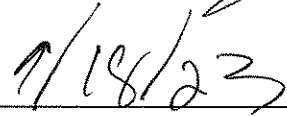
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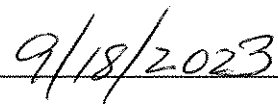
(e) Effective January 1, 2024 and each January 1 thereafter, the sewer rates and charges established in subsection (d)(1) hereof will be increased by 5% from the prior year, following the same Aqua Ohio, Inc., billing cycle as in 2023.

**Section 2:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.


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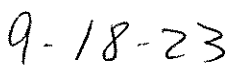
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