

ORDINANCE NO. 241(E)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 241(A), (B), (C), (D) RELATING TO THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH LEWISBURG, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO. HEREBY CREATING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE. SHOULD ANY OTHER ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH LEWISBURG ENACTED PRIOR TO THE DATE HEREOF CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, THE TERMS OF SUCH PRIOR ORDINANCE SHALL BE REVOKED ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH OR INHIBIT THE APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH LEWISBURG, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1: ORDINANCE NO. 241(D), AS ENACTED BY SAID ORDINANCE, PASSED ON THE 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016, IS HEREBY AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY, SO THAT THERE IS CREATED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE.

(A) FOR RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS USAGE

	COMBINED	WATER	SEWER
MINIMUM (UP TO 3000 GALLONS)	\$65.00	\$27.30	\$37.70
EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 GALLONS	\$21.67	\$9.10	\$12.57
JANUARY 1, 2025 (5% INCREASE)			
MINIMUM (UP TO 3000 GALLONS)	\$68.25	\$28.66	\$39.59
EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 GALLONS	\$22.75	\$9.55	\$13.20
JANUARY 1, 2026 (4% INCREASE)			
MINIMUM (UP TO 3000 GALLONS)	\$70.98	\$29.81	\$41.17
EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 GALLONS	\$23.66	\$9.94	\$13.72
JANUARY 1, 2027 (3% INCREASE)			
MINIMUM (UP TO 3000 GALLONS)	\$73.11	\$30.71	\$42.40
EACH ADDITIONAL 1000 GALLONS	\$24.37	\$10.24	\$14.13

(B)	FOR INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL USAGE: WATER RATE AND SANITARY SEWER RATE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY A CONTRACT RATE SET FORTH BY THE VILLAGE.	
(C)	RETURNED CHECK FEE	\$40.00
(D)	WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT CHARGE (DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS DEFINED AS MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.)	\$30.00
(E)	WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT CHARGE (MONDAY-FRIDAY AFTER BUSINESS HOURS)	\$60.00
(F)	WATER DISCONNECT/RECONNECT CHARGE (WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS)	\$100.00
(G)	SERVICE CALL	\$25.00
(H)	REQUESTED DUPLICATE BILL	\$2.00
(I)	SHUT-OFF NOTICE SECOND OFFENSE	\$10.00
(J)	DEPOSIT FEE	
	WATER	\$54.60
	SEWER	\$75.40
(K)	VACANT DWELLINGS	
	WATER	\$10.00
	SEWER	\$10.00
	2025	
	WATER	\$10.50
	SEWER	\$10.50
	2026	
	WATER	\$10.92
	SEWER	\$10.92
	2027	
	WATER	\$11.25
	SEWER	\$11.25
(L)	WATER METER TEST (AT OWNER'S REQUEST) (IF METER FOUND TO BE ACCURATE WITHIN ± 2% OWNER SHALL PAY AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$300.00)	\$50.00

(M) Adjustment for leak

The Water and Sewer Department is authorized to rebate Sewer charges with the exception of the minimum sewer charges in the event of catastrophic and unforeseen circumstances when it is shown that the water passing through the water meter leaked out of a properties interior plumbing system and did not drain into the sanitary system. The Sewer Charge Rebate shall be available on a single per incident basis. This may include up to two consecutive months billings. An application for an adjustment of the sewer bill will be required. The sewer rebate will be available, one time per property/address/owner on a bi-annual basis. The request must be received no later than the last day of the month for which the utility was billed.

(N) Payment Plan

A Payment Plan may be offered not to exceed a period of 24 months. The Current regular monthly payments shall be made plus the payment plan amount divided by the 24 months. Failure to maintain current regular monthly payments or the payment plan amounts shall result in utility disconnection and revocation of the payment plan. The current past due balance shall be paid in full prior to reconnection of service.

(O) Account Responsibility

The utility bills may be duplicated and rendered to a tenant except in the case of multi-family dwellings which must be billed to the property owner unless a separate service and meter is provided for each dwelling unit. The property owner is responsible, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 743.01 through 743.04, for all bills left unpaid.

When water and or sewer charges become delinquent, they may be disconnected and become a lien against the property and remain a lien until such time as they are paid, such charges are in the nature of an obligation of the land itself and a subsequent purchaser of the land takes the property subject to the obligation for any unpaid charges. Until such charges are paid continued water and or sewer service may be refused. When the water and sewer bill is current, the Village is not permitted to turn the water and or sewer off to assist the owner to evict the tenant or assist the owner in collecting rent.

(P) Damage to Water / Sewer System Facilities

Any damage to the facilities/equipment of the Village Water and or Sewer System will be repaired by the Water Department and the cost of the repairs billed to the responsible person and/or the property owner. The Village reserves the right to require proper maintenance and/or repairs of all systems not under its control that may affect the proper operation of the Village Water and or Sewer System. The failure to initiate said maintenance and/or repairs within thirty (30) days of notification will result in discontinuance of service.

(Q) Right to Interrupt Service

Whenever the Village finds it necessary or convenient for the purpose of making repairs or improvements to the Village Water and or Sewer System, it shall have the right to temporarily suspend delivery of water and or sewer treatment and shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned thereby. Whenever possible, and as time permits, all effected Consumers will be notified prior to such suspension by personal contact and/or news release. The Village shall NOT be liable for interruptions in water and or sewer service, shortages or insufficiency of supply or pressure, or for any loss or damage occasioned thereby, if caused by accident, act of God, fire, strikes, riots, war or other cause.

(R) Application

At the time of application for Water and Sanitary Sewer Service a deposit is required of applicants. The deposit amount(s) is listed in section (J) of this Ordinance and will be collected for each Dwelling/Unit. Deposits are retained and will be applied to the final bill for the property. Any remaining deposit will be refunded to the owner.

(S) Unit Definition-Multi Family Dwelling

Unit for the purpose of this Ordinance, is defined, as each separate space containing plumbing for water and sewer, capable of being occupied by a separate tenant, and equipped with a discrete entrance.

SECTION 2: THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE EARLIEST DATE ALLOWED BY LAW.

Date 10/10/2023 Vote 6-0

Mayor Ted Murphy Jr.
Ted Murphy Jr.

Attest-Fiscal Officer Jennifer McCombs
Jennifer McCombs

First Reading 8/15/23 Second Reading 9/12/23 Third Reading 10/10/2023