

**#4339; Sponsor: Council Member Freel,  
Co-Sponsor: Council President Shabazz**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE  
CITY CODE REGARDING WATER RATES AND  
CHARGES AND STORM WATER RATES AND  
CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Wilmington has enacted Chapter 45 of the Wilmington City Code, Article II of which includes provisions establishing a system of storm water rates and charges, such provisions being most recently amended by Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Wilmington has enacted Chapter 45 of the Wilmington City Code, Article II of which includes provisions regarding sewer systems and sewage disposal and the rates and charges for same, such provisions being most recently amended by Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Wilmington has enacted various ordinances establishing a system of drinking water user charges, such provisions being most recently amended by Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Wilmington deems it necessary and proper to set the water, sewer, and storm water user rates and charges as set forth herein.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** The storm water user rates and charges for Fiscal Years 2018, until and unless amended, shall be the same rates and charges as

those in existence during Fiscal Year 2017, as set forth in Chapter 45 of the City Code and as amended by Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-013.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 45 of the City Code is hereby amended by setting forth changes in the rates in Section 45-175 thereof for Fiscal Year 2018 to read as follows:

**Sec. 45-175. Quarterly water rates and fire service charges.**

(a) *General water rates, excluding residential.* Charges for water service shall be composed of a quarterly facilities charge for each meter and usage charges based on rates per one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual consumption. The quarterly facilities charge for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch and one-inch meters shall include a quarterly allowance of ten thousand (10,000) gallons of water. Facilities and usage charges for all accounts in each classification of customers shall be payable quarterly based on quarterly meter readings. The classification of customers, quarterly facilities charges, and usage charges shall be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Quarterly Facilities Charge \$	Inside City Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)		
		Commercial	Industrial	Apartment
5/8	68.49	8.564	6.849	8.082
3/4	77.16	8.564	6.849	8.082
1	85.64	8.564	6.849	8.082
1½	85.64	8.564	6.849	8.082
2	111.42	8.564	6.849	8.082
3	359.77	8.564	6.849	8.082
4	685.13	8.564	6.849	8.082
6	924.94	8.564	6.849	8.082
8	1,284.68	8.564	6.849	8.082
10	1,284.68	8.564	6.849	8.082
12	1,284.68	8.564	6.849	8.082
14	1,284.68	8.564	6.849	8.082
16	1,284.68	8.564	6.849	8.082

Meter Size (Inches)	Quarterly Facilities Charge \$	Outside City Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)		
		Commercial	Industrial	Apartment
5/8	109.66	11.751	9.929	12.679
3/4	119.97	11.751	9.929	12.679
1	133.63	11.751	9.929	12.679

1½	126.79	11.751	9.929	12.679
2	171.29	11.751	9.929	12.679
3	582.45	11.751	9.929	12.679
4	1,130.57	11.751	9.929	12.679
6	1,507.33	11.751	9.929	12.679
8	2,142.37	11.751	9.929	12.679
10	2,142.37	11.751	9.929	12.679
12	2,142.37	11.751	9.929	12.679
14	2,142.37	11.751	9.929	12.679
16	2,142.37	11.751	9.929	12.679

(b) *General water rates, residential only.* Charges for water service shall be composed of a quarterly facilities charge for each meter and usage charges based on rates per one thousand (1,000) gallons of actual consumption. The quarterly facilities charge for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch, and one-inch meters shall include a quarterly allowance of eight thousand (8,000) gallons of water. Facilities and usage charges for all accounts in each classification of customers shall be payable quarterly based on quarterly meter readings. The classification of customers, quarterly facilities charges, and usage charges shall be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Quarterly Facilities Charge (i)	Inside City Residential Customers Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons)	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Block (ii)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block (iii)
5/8	58.21	5.628	7.034
3/4	65.63	5.628	7.034
1	72.77	5.628	7.034
1½	85.64	5.628	7.034
2	111.42	5.628	7.034
3	359.77	5.628	7.034
4	685.13	5.628	7.034
6	924.94	5.628	7.034
8	1,284.68	5.628	7.034

- (i) Includes a quarterly allowance of 8,000 gallons for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" metered customers.
- (ii) All usage between 8,001 gallons and 15,000 gallons per quarter for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" metered customers. All usage up to 15,000 gallons per quarter for all other meter sizes.
- (iii) All usage over 15,000 gallons per quarter.

Meter Size (Inches)	Quarterly Facilities Charge \$ (i)	Outside City Residential Customers Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Block (ii)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block (iii)
5/8	93.17	10.189	12.730
3/4	101.93	10.189	12.730

1	113.60	10.189	12.730
1½	126.79	10.189	12.730
2	171.29	10.189	12.730
3	582.45	10.189	12.730
4	1,130.57	10.189	12.730
6	1,507.33	10.189	12.730
8	2,142.37	10.189	12.730

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- (iii) All usage over 15,000 gallons per quarter.

(c) *Charges for certain elderly or disabled homeowners, and caregivers.* All property owners who are eligible for and have been granted exemptions from municipal taxation of real property in the City pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-64 of this Code shall be charged quarterly for all meters servicing exempt properties and shall pay the quarterly facilities charge of \$39.99 for the quarterly allowance of 8,000 gallons. All usage between 8,001 gallons and 15,000 gallons per quarter shall be charged at \$2.113 per 1,000 gallons. All usage above 15,000 gallons per quarter shall be charged at \$2.641 per 1,000 gallons.

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**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall become effective as of July 1, 2017.

First Reading.....March 16, 2017  
 Second Reading.....March 16, 2017  
 Third Reading.....

Passed by City Council,

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 President of City Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Clerk

Approved as to form this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of March, 2017

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City Solicitor

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Mayor

**SYNOPSIS & FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance enacts Water, Sewer, and Stormwater charges and rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The charges and rates for Water and Sewer services will increase by 4.0% from what they are in FY 2017, while Stormwater charges and rates will remain the same as they are in FY 2017. This ordinance also does not amend the sewer service unit charges stated in City Code Sec. 45-58.

The projected fiscal impact of this ordinance is an annual increase of \$1.7 million in revenue (net of bad debt) to the Water/Sewer Fund. Below is a table showing the fiscal impact on a typical residential customer living in the City.

**FY 2018 Rate Increase Impact on Typical Residential Customer**

**Water, Sewer & Stormwater Typical Monthly Bill Impact (FY 2018 )**  
(Inside City Residential 5/8 inch meter @ 12,000 gallons quarterly consumption)

Services	Quarterly Charge FY 2017	Quarterly Charge FY 2018	Quarterly Increase	Monthly Increase
Water	77.62	80.72	3.10	1.03
Sewer	58.21	60.54	2.33	0.78
Stormwater	14.85	14.85	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$150.68</b>	<b>\$156.11</b>	<b>\$5.43</b>	<b>\$1.81</b>