

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE  
REGARDING (i) SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES AND  
WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND  
(ii) MONTHLY FACILITIES CHARGES**

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**Sponsor:**  
  
**Council  
Member  
Freel**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Wilmington (the "Council") 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. 17-009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has enacted various ordinances establishing a system of drinking water user charges, the most recent being Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 17-009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to increase the water and sewer user rates and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to amend the monthly facilities charges, along with the monthly consumption allowances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 45 of the City Code is hereby amended by amending Section 45-175 thereof by adding the underlined language and deleting the stricken language to read as follows:

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

(a) *General water rates, excluding residential.* Charges for water service shall be composed of a monthly facilities charge for each meter and usage charges based on rates per 1,000 gallons of actual consumption. The monthly facilities charge for five-eighths-inch,

three-fourths-inch and one-inch meters shall include a monthly allowance of ~~3,333~~ 3,000 gallons of water. Facilities and usage charges for all accounts in each classification of customers shall be payable monthly based on monthly meter readings. The classification of customers, monthly facilities charges, and usage charges shall be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Facilities Charge \$	Inside City Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)		
		Commercial	Industrial	Apartment
5/8	<del>22.83</del> <u>21.75</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
3/4	<del>25.72</del> <u>24.50</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
1	<del>28.55</del> <u>27.20</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
1½	<del>28.55</del> <u>27.20</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
2	<del>37.14</del> <u>35.38</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
3	<del>119.92</del> <u>114.25</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
4	<del>228.38</del> <u>217.57</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
6	<del>308.31</del> <u>293.72</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
8	<del>428.23</del> <u>407.96</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
10	<del>428.23</del> <u>407.96</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
12	<del>428.23</del> <u>407.96</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
14	<del>428.23</del> <u>407.96</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>
16	<del>428.23</del> <u>407.96</u>	<del>8.564</del> <u>8.907</u>	<del>6.849</del> <u>7.123</u>	<del>8.082</del> <u>8.405</u>

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Facilities Charge \$	Outside City Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)		
		Commercial	Industrial	Apartment
5/8	<del>36.55</del> <u>34.82</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
3/4	<del>39.99</del> <u>38.10</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
1	<del>44.54</del> <u>42.43</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
1½	<del>42.26</del> <u>40.26</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
2	<del>57.10</del> <u>54.39</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
3	<del>194.15</del> <u>184.96</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
4	<del>376.86</del> <u>359.02</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
6	<del>502.44</del> <u>478.66</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
8	<del>714.12</del> <u>680.32</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
10	<del>714.12</del> <u>680.32</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
12	<del>714.12</del> <u>680.32</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
14	<del>714.12</del> <u>680.32</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>
16	<del>714.12</del> <u>680.32</u>	<del>11.751</del> <u>12.221</u>	<del>9.929</del> <u>10.326</u>	<del>12.679</del> <u>13.186</u>

(b) *General water rates, residential only.* Charges for water service shall be composed of a monthly facilities charge for each meter and

usage charges based on rates per 1,000 gallons of actual consumption. The monthly facilities charge for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch, and one-inch meters shall include a monthly allowance of ~~2,667~~ 2,000 gallons of water. Facilities and usage charges for all accounts in each classification of customers shall be payable monthly based on monthly meter readings. The classification of customers, monthly facilities charges, and usage charges shall be as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Facilities Charge (1)	Inside City Residential Customers Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons)	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Block (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block (3)
5/8	<del>19.40</del> <u>18.48</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
3/4	<del>21.88</del> <u>20.84</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
1	<del>24.26</del> <u>23.11</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
1½	<del>28.55</del> <u>27.20</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
2	<del>37.14</del> <u>35.38</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
3	<del>119.92</del> <u>114.25</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
4	<del>228.38</del> <u>217.57</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
6	<del>308.31</del> <u>293.72</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>
8	<del>428.23</del> <u>407.96</u>	<del>5.628</del> <u>5.853</u>	<del>7.034</del> <u>7.315</u>

- (1) Includes a monthly allowance of ~~2,667~~ 2,000 gallons for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" metered customers.
- (2) All usage between ~~2,668~~ 2,001 gallons and 5,000 gallons per month for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" metered customers. All usage up to 5,000 gallons per month for all other meter sizes.
- (3) All usage over 5,000 gallons per month.

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Facilities Charge \$ (1)	Outside City Residential Customers Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Block (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block (3)
5/8	<del>31.06</del> <u>29.59</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
3/4	<del>33.98</del> <u>32.37</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
1	<del>37.87</del> <u>36.07</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
1½	<del>42.26</del> <u>40.26</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
2	<del>57.10</del> <u>54.39</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
3	<del>194.15</del> <u>184.96</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
4	<del>376.86</del> <u>359.02</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
6	<del>502.44</del> <u>478.66</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>
8	<del>714.12</del> <u>680.32</u>	<del>10.189</del> <u>10.597</u>	<del>12.730</del> <u>13.239</u>

- (1) Includes a monthly allowance of ~~2,667~~ 2,000 gallons for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" metered customers.

- (2) All usage between ~~2,668~~ 2,001 gallons and 5,000 gallons per month for 5/8", 3/4", and 1" metered customers. All usage up to 5,000 gallons per month for all other meter sizes.
- (3) All usage over 5,000 gallons per month.

(c) *Charges for certain elderly homeowners.* All property owners including the disabled 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 shall be charged monthly for all meters servicing exempt properties and shall pay the monthly facilities charge of ~~\$13.33~~ \$12.70 for the monthly allowance of ~~2,667~~ 2,000 gallons. All usage between ~~2,668~~ 2,001 gallons and 5,000 gallons per month shall be charged at ~~\$2.113~~ \$2.198 per 1,000 gallons. All usage above 5,000 gallons per month shall be charged at ~~\$2.644~~ \$2.747 per 1,000 gallons.

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**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective as of July 1, 2018, except for the increase in the charges and rates for water and sewer services, which shall become effective on September 1, 2018.

First Reading.....March 15, 2018  
 Second Reading.....March 15, 2018  
 Third Reading.....

Passed by City Council,

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 President of City Council

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

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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 Mayor

**SYNOPSIS & FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance enacts Water and Sewer charges and rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. The charges and rates for Water and Sewer services will increase by 4.0% in FY 2019 from what they are in FY 2018. The rate increase will take effect on September 1, 2018. Stormwater charges and rates are not affected by this Ordinance and will remain the same as they are in FY 2018, as listed in City Code Section 45-53(d). This Ordinance does not amend the sewer service unit charges stated in City Code Section 45-58.

This Ordinance also amends the monthly facilities charges, along with the monthly consumption allowances, downward. The amendment to the monthly facilities charges and the monthly consumption allowances will take effect on July 1, 2018.

The projected fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an annual increase of \$1.39 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.

<b>FY 2019 Rate Increase Impact on Typical Residential Customer</b>			
<b>Water, Sewer &amp; Stormwater Typical Monthly Bill Impact</b> (Inside City Residential 5/8 inch meter @ 4,000 gallons monthly consumption)			
<b>Services</b>	<b>Monthly Charge FY 2018</b>	<b>Monthly Charge FY 2019</b>	<b>Monthly Increase</b>
<b>Water</b>	26.90	30.19	<b>3.29</b>
<b>Sewer</b>	20.18	22.64	<b>2.46</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>	4.95	4.95	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Bill</b>	<b>\$52.03</b>	<b>\$57.78</b>	<b>\$5.75</b>