

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES AND WATER
RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Johnson**

WHEREAS, City Council enacted Chapter 45 of the Wilmington City Code, Article II of which includes provisions: (i) regarding sewer systems and sewage disposal and the associated rates and charges, such rates and charges being most recently increased by Ordinance No. 21-020; (ii) establishing a system of drinking water user rates and charges, such rates and charges being most recently increased by Ordinance No. 21-020; and (iii) establishing a system of stormwater rates and charges, such rates and charges being most recently increased by Ordinance No. 21-020; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to increase the sewer and water rates and charges for Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023.

**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 ~~facility~~ facilities charge for each meter, based on meter size, 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 3,000 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	23.59	<u>24.77</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
3/4	26.57	<u>27.90</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
1	29.50	<u>30.98</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
1½	29.50	<u>30.98</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
2	38.38	<u>40.30</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
3	123.92	<u>130.12</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
4	235.97	<u>247.77</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
6	318.57	<u>334.50</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
8	442.47	<u>464.59</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
10	442.47	<u>464.59</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
12	442.47	<u>464.59</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
14	442.47	<u>464.59</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>
16	442.47	<u>464.59</u>	9.660	<u>10.143</u>	7.726	<u>8.112</u>	9.116	<u>9.572</u>

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Facilities Charge \$		Outside City Usage Charges (\$ per 1,000 gallons)					
			Commercial		Industrial		Apartment	
5/8	35.86	<u>37.65</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
3/4	39.24	<u>41.20</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
1	43.70	<u>45.89</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
1½	41.47	<u>43.54</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
2	56.02	<u>58.82</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
3	190.51	<u>200.04</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
4	369.79	<u>388.28</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
6	493.02	<u>517.67</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
8	700.73	<u>735.77</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
10	700.73	<u>735.77</u>	12.588	<u>13.217</u>	10.636	<u>11.168</u>	13.582	<u>14.261</u>
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(b) *General water rates, residential only.* Charges for water service shall be composed of a monthly facilities charge for each meter, based on meter size, 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 2,000 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)			
			1st Block (2)		2nd Block (3)	
5/8	20.04	<u>21.04</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>
3/4	22.60	<u>23.73</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>
1	25.06	<u>26.31</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>
1½	29.50	<u>30.98</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>
2	38.38	<u>40.30</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>
3	123.92	<u>130.12</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>
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8	442.47	<u>464.59</u>	6.348	<u>6.665</u>	7.934	<u>8.331</u>

- (1) Includes a monthly allowance of 2,000 gallons for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch, and one-inch metered customers.
- (2) All usage between 2,001 gallons and 5,000 gallons per month for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch, and one-inch 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)			
			1st Block (2)		2nd Block (3)	
5/8	30.48	<u>32.00</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
3/4	33.34	<u>35.01</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
1	37.15	<u>39.01</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
1½	41.47	<u>43.54</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
2	56.02	<u>58.82</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
3	190.51	<u>200.04</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
4	369.79	<u>388.28</u>	10.915	<u>11.461</u>	13.636	<u>14.318</u>
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- (1) Includes a monthly allowance of 2,000 gallons for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch, and one-inch metered customers.
- (2) All usage between 2,001 gallons and 5,000 gallons per month for five-eighths-inch, three-fourths-inch, and one-inch 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 their exempt properties and shall pay the monthly facilities charge of ~~\$13.77~~ \$14.46 for the monthly allowance of 2,000 gallons. All usage between 2,001 gallons and 5,000 gallons per month shall be charged at ~~\$2.383~~ \$2.502 per 1,000 gallons. All usage above 5,000 gallons per month shall be charged at ~~\$2.980~~ \$3.129 per 1,000 gallons.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective as of July 1, 2022.

First Reading.....March 17, 2022
Second Reading.....March 17, 2022
Third Reading.....

Passed by City Council,

President of City Council

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor

SYNOPSIS & FISCAL IMPACT: This Ordinance enacts new water and sewer rates and charges for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023). The rates and charges for water and sewer services will increase by five percent (5.0%) in FY 2023 from what they are in FY 2022. Stormwater rates and charges are not affected by this Ordinance and will remain the same in FY 2023 as they are in FY 2022, as listed in City Code Section 45-53(d). This Ordinance does not amend the unit charges for sewer service contained in City Code Section 45-58.

The projected fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an annual increase of almost \$2.49 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 2023 Rate Increase Impact on Typical Residential Customer

Water, Sewer & Stormwater Typical Monthly Bill Impact
(Inside City Residential 5/8 inch meter @ 4,000 gallons monthly consumption)

Services	Monthly Charge FY 2022	Monthly Charge FY 2023	Monthly Increase	Monthly % Increase
Water	\$32.74	\$34.37	\$1.63	5.0%
Sewer	23.95	25.14	1.19	5.0%
Stormwater	5.05	5.05	0.00	0.0%
Total Bill	\$61.74	\$64.56	\$2.82	4.6%

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