

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1040.01(A) AND (B) AND SECTION 1043.03(A)(3) AND (4) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REVISING WATER RATES FOR THE CITY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 1040 (“Water”) and 1043 (“Water and Sewer System Investment Fees”) of the Codified Ordinances of Hudson, water rates and related fees are established for the municipality; and

WHEREAS, water rates were last revised in the year 2013, by Ordinance No. 13-57, passed May 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is necessary to amend Chapters 1040 and 1043, revising water rates and fees for the purpose of assuring adequate and safe and potable water and related services to the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 1040.01(a) and (b) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to provide as follows:

1040.01 RATES AND CHARGES.

(a) General Water Use Rates. The following schedule of water use rates and charges applies to all customers using metered water:

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES

(1) The base fee as listed per year in the table below shall apply to any account whether it is a new water customer account, an account established for an existing water customer at a new service location or any existing water customer.

Minimum Monthly Base Charge						
Meter/Tap Size	Eq. Factor	2023 Base	2024 Base	2025 Base	2026 Base	2027 Base
5/8 & 3/4	1	\$13.61	\$14.43	\$15.29	\$16.21	\$17.18
1 & 1-1/4	4	\$54.45	\$57.71	\$61.18	\$64.85	\$68.74
1/1/2002	10	\$136.11	\$144.28	\$152.94	\$162.11	\$171.84
2	20	\$272.23	\$288.56	\$305.88	\$324.23	\$343.68
3	30	\$408.34	\$432.84	\$458.81	\$486.34	\$515.52
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(2) The commodity or volume fee as listed per year in the table below shall apply to any account whether it is a new water customer account, an account established for an existing water customer at a new service location or any existing water customer.

Commodity Per Hundred Cubic Feet (Ccf) Monthly Charge					
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Demand Charge per Ccf/Month	\$3.25	\$3.45	\$3.66	\$3.88	\$4.11

(3) The capital maintenance fee as listed per year in the table below shall apply to any account whether it is a new water customer account, an account established for an existing water customer at a new service location or any existing water customer.

Monthly Capital Charge					
Eq. Factor	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
1	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.50	\$9.00
2.5	\$17.50	\$18.75	\$20.00	\$21.25	\$22.50
5	\$35.00	\$37.50	\$40.00	\$42.50	\$45.00
8	\$56.00	\$60.00	\$64.00	\$68.00	\$72.00
15	\$105.00	\$112.50	\$120.00	\$127.50	\$135.00
> 15	\$105.00	\$112.50	\$120.00	\$127.50	\$135.00

(4) Starting with the billing cycle due on January 10, 2028, each of the charges in this Section 1040.01(a) shall increase by two percent (2%) annually over the immediately preceding year's charge for that particular fee.

(5) A late payment fee of 1½ % per month on unpaid water bills shall apply.

(b) Private Fire Suppression Devices. The following rates apply to all customers using the waterworks for private fire suppression devices. These rates apply to availability of service for private suppression devices only and include no allowance for water use.

(1) Automatic sprinkler systems or hose connected to pipe: **five dollars (\$5.00)** per month.

(2) Private hydrants. For the use of private hydrants furnished and installed by the owner and used only for the extinguishing of fires: **five dollars (\$5.00)** per month per hydrant.

Section 2. That Section 1040.14 of the Codified Ordinances be established to provide as follows:

1040.14 WATER SERVICE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS

Any new customer connecting to the City’s water system on or after January 1, 2023 that is located outside of the City’s corporate limits shall be charged the rates in Section 1040.01 and 1040.03 plus an additional 50% of the applicable rate.

Section 3. That Section 1043.03(a)(3) and (4) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to provide as follows:

(3) For nonresidential water system connections, the property owner shall pay the fee in accordance with the calculation established in the table set forth below in this subsection unless the connection is established to include a fire suppression system, sprinklers and/or private fire hydrants in which case the owner shall pay the water system investment fee based on the equivalent residential unit for the size of the connection made for potable water.

(4) For nonresidential sewer system connections, the property owner shall pay the fee in accordance with the calculation established in the table set forth below in this subsection unless the connection is established to include a fire suppression system, sprinklers and/or private fire hydrants, in which case the owner shall pay the sewer investment fee based on the equivalent residential unit(s) for the size of connection made for potable water.

For the purpose of calculating equivalent residential units for nonresidential services, the following table shall apply. One equivalent residential unit shall equal **one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)**.

Tap Size (in.)	Equivalent Residential Units for Nonresidential Services
5/8 and 3/4	1.0
1 (and 1-1/4)	2.5
1-1/2	5.0
2	8.0
3 and larger	15.0

Section 4. That the present version of Sections 1040.01(a) and (b) and 1043.03(a)(3) and (4) of the Codified Ordinances, to the extent not amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect; however, the existing provisions of Sections 1040.01(a) and (b) and 1043.03(a)(3) and (4), as amended herein, are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 5. The aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and is hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 6. If any clause, section, or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force starting January 1, 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the water rates herein shall first be effective with the billing cycle due on February 10, 2023.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 22-147 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2022.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council