

ORDINANCE NO. 80-804

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARREN RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES.

Note: Water rates for Fiscal Year 2023/24 are the same as the water rates in the current fiscal year 2022/23. No increase in water rates in the upcoming fiscal year.

THE CITY OF WARREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Sections 41-181 (1), (2) and (3) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren are hereby amended, hereinafter to read as follows:

Sec. 41-181. Schedule.

Charges for service rendered by the water and sewer system shall be assessed against each lot or parcel of land served in accordance with the following rate schedule:

(1) *Water rate schedule:*

a. In each month for which there is water service availability, the consumption rate for water service shall be \$4.352 per one hundred (100) cubic feet of metered usage.

b. In addition to the above, there shall be a monthly water service charge as follows:

5/8" meter	\$0.84
3/4" meter	1.68
1" meter	3.36
1 1/2" meter	8.40
2" meter	21.00
3" meter	37.80
4" meter	75.60
6" meter	142.80
8" meter	252.00
10" meter	420.00
12" meter	840.00

c. If a larger meter is required to service any premises, the city council shall fix the service charge as to such premises, which shall be commensurate with the foregoing.

d. The minimum monthly water charge (meter and water charges) to each premise for metered water shall be as follows:

5/8" meter	\$9.54
3/4" meter	10.38
1" meter	12.06
1 1/2" meter	51.92
2" meter	64.52
3" meter	81.32
4" meter	119.12
6" meter	186.32
8" meter	295.52
10" meter	463.52

12" meter	883.52
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e. Reserved.

f. Hydrant rental to be paid by the city at the rate of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year, per hydrant. This revenue will be used for a fire hydrant maintenance and replacement program. It is expected that, in addition to hydrant maintenance, 30 hydrants can be replaced per year.

(2) *Sewage disposal charges based on water consumption:*

a. In each month for which there is sewage disposal service availability, the consumption rate for sewage disposal services shall be \$3.442 per one hundred (100) cubic feet and the consumption rate for sanitary sewer improvements and maintenance shall be \$0.960 per one hundred (100) cubic feet.

b. In addition to the above, there shall be a monthly sewer service charge as follows:

5/8" meter	\$2.03
3/4" meter	4.06
1" meter	8.12
1 1/2" meter	20.30
2" meter	50.75
3" meter	91.35
4" meter	182.70
6" meter	345.10
8" meter	609.00
10" meter	1015.00
12" meter	2030.00

c. The minimum monthly sewer charge (meter and sewer charges) to each premise for metered water consumption for sewage disposal and sanitary sewer improvements and maintenance shall be as follows:

5/8" meter	\$10.83
3/4" meter	12.86
1" meter	16.92
1 1/2" meter	64.32
2" meter	94.77
3" meter	135.37
4" meter	226.72
6" meter	389.12
8" meter	653.02
10" meter	1059.02
12" meter	2074.02

d. Reserved.

e. As provided in section 41-70 to cover the added costs of treating the wastes which have pollutants in excess of the amount allowable by law, there shall be a surcharge for industrial users, per user billing period as follows:

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD):	\$0.2493 per pound in excess of three hundred (300) mg/liter;
Suspended Solids (SS):	\$0.3089 per pound in excess of three hundred fifty (350) mg/liter;

Phosphorus (P):	\$2.3932 per pound in excess of twenty-five (25) mg/liter;
Ammonia (NH ₃ = N):	\$0.4607 per pound in excess of twenty-five (25) mg/liter;

In accordance with the city national pollutant discharger elimination system permit, which requires the city to establish an industrial pretreatment program and so that the costs be allocated proportionately to the users affected, there shall be an additional charge, per user billing period, as follows:

Wastewater pretreatment charge: One hundred ninety five dollars (\$195.00) per sample;

Wastewater pretreatment charge: Eighty five dollars (\$85.00) per analysis;

Nondomestic user commodity charge: \$0.4297 per one hundred (100) cubic feet.

f. For the inspection of cross-connections to safeguard public health and safety there shall be a surcharge for industrial users, per billing period, as follows:

Nondomestic user cross-connection inspection charge:

\$0.1003 per one hundred (100) cubic feet.

g. The rates established here are to meet operations and shall not be excessive or produce profit over and above the requirements of the system or as required by law.

(3) Isolation of wholesale water costs, union contract wages and fringe benefits. The purpose of this section is to permit the automatic adjustment of retail rates to residential, commercial and industrial customers for changes in operating costs that are outside the direct control of the water and sewer system.

a. Wholesale water costs - the consumption-based retail water rate shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the wholesale cost of water purchases implemented by the City of Detroit during the current fiscal year.

1. Water purchase expense in the original adopted operating budget is calculated as the estimated water purchase volume times the wholesale rate in effect at the time of budget adoption.

2. When the City of Detroit Board of Water Commissioners approves a change in wholesale rate to be charged to the City of Warren, water purchase expense shall be recalculated as the actual year-to-date wholesale purchase cost plus estimated purchase volumes for the balance of the fiscal year times the revised wholesale rates.

3. The revised water purchase expense as determined above shall be compared to the original approved water and sewer system budget for water purchases. If the revised cost exceeds the original budget cost the resulting shortage shall be recoverable from retail customers through an increase in the water consumption rate for balance of the current fiscal year. If the revised cost is less than the original budget cost the surplus shall be rebated to retail customers through a decrease in the water consumption rate for the balance of the current fiscal year.

The adjustment to the water consumption rate shall be determined by dividing the anticipated cost change by the projected sales volume for the balance of the current fiscal year.

- b. Reserved.
- c. Reserved.
- d. Reserved.
- e. These adjustments of water and sewer rates shall occur by operation of this ordinance under authority granted under sections 6.1 of the City Charter, as if specifically adopted by city council.
- f. Any changes in rates shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation with the city. Supporting schedules shall be filed with the city clerk for public inspection and transmitted to the city council for information and review.
- g. Nothing in this section shall, in any way, limit the power of the city council to adjust water and sewer rates by resolution or ordinance amendment independent of the operation of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. This ordinance is ordered to be published in the manner provided by law and the water and sewage charges shall be implemented on all billings rendered on or after its effective date.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON 07/01/23.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance #80-804 was adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its meeting held on May 9, 2023.

SONJA BUFFA
City Clerk

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