

This ordinance was introduced with first reading on September 9, 2025. Published on September 17, 2025. Public hearing was held on October 14, 2025. James Richard offered the following ordinance, who moved for its adoption. Lud Henry seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 762

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, LOUISIANA, to change rates in Chapter 19, Section 19-84: subsection (4) changing the charge for all waste water consumption over two thousand (2,000) gallons from (\$5.00) per one thousand gallons to (\$6.50) per one thousand gallons.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council, the governing authority of the municipal corporation of the Town of Berwick, Louisiana, that Code of Ordinances Chapter 19, Sec. 19-84, subsections (1-4) are amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 19-84 Rates Set Out

Each user of the Town's sewage collection system shall be charged a monthly sewer service charge per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water consumption, as indicated by the user's monthly water bill, which shall be determined as follows:

- (1) Minimum monthly residential, home or housing unit charge shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons or water consumption. Each apartment or trailer space shall be considered as one residence.
- (2) Minimum monthly commercial and industrial businesses engaged in any employment, production or services the user charge shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons of water consumption.
- (3) Minimum monthly commercial and industrial businesses engaged in any employment, production or services (where submersible grinder pumps are needed for the collection of sewer or wastewater) the user charge shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons of water consumption.
- (4) All water consumption over two thousand (2,000) gallons per month shall be charged at six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per one thousand gallons (i.e., \$6.50 for every 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof in excess of 2,000 gallons).
- (5) User charges shall be added to monthly statements for water service. The bill for sewer service shall be mailed and become due as provided for water service.
- (6) Any water customer that is not connected to the sewer system may be exempted from the sewer charge upon approval of the mayor.

All other ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or repealed for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected. All provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and the invalidity of any part of this ordinance shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance.

The votes on introduction thereon were as follows:

Ayes: James Richard, Kevin Hebert, Colleen Askew, Raymond Price, and Lud Henry

Nays: None

Absent: None

This ordinance was read by title and votes received for introduction on September 9, 2025. The proposed ordinance was ordered published in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of the Town of Berwick, Louisiana. A public hearing and vote on whether to adopt the ordinance will be held in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of the Town of Berwick, Louisiana.

PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED October 14, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jamie Keith - Town Clerk

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Duval H. Arthur, Jr. – Mayor