

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE No. 2019-04

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10
OF THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE
CONCERNING UTILITY FEES**

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

Section 1015.33 of the Plymouth City Code is hereby amended as follows:

1015.33. Utility Fees. Sanitary Sewer, water, storm water utility fees are as follows:

(a) Sanitary Sewer Utility fees:

(1) Base Fee. A charge of ~~\$6.43~~ 6.82 per month shall be made to every sanitary sewer account to defray administrative costs, billing costs, and other fixed costs of the City. (*Ord. 2002-31, 11-26-2002; Ord. 2004-27, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-32, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(2) Volume Charge. A charge of ~~\$3.78~~ 4.01 per one thousand gallons of sewage discharged into the City's sanitary sewer system shall be made to each sanitary sewer account except for qualified senior citizens for whom a charge of ~~\$3.40~~ 3.61 per one thousand gallons will apply. For purposes of this section, an individual must meet the following criteria for the qualified senior citizen discount to apply: (1) the individual must be 62 years of age or older; (2) the property must be homesteaded; and (3) the individual's name must appear on the bill. Seniors in a multi-unit building will also be eligible for a senior discount if the bylaws, or other governing documents for the building, require that at least one tenant/owner in each unit be at least 62 years of age. No new enrollment will be accepted into this program beginning 2015. For residential customers, the volume of such sewage discharge shall be based upon the actual amount of water consumed during the appropriate two month billing, in the period of December through February. For non-residential customers, the volume of such sewer discharge shall be based upon the actual water consumed by the account each month. Alternatively, non-residential customers may have their volumes of sewer discharge based on actual sewage flows or calculated sewage flows if sewer usage or sewer deduct meters are installed. In instances where there is no

metered water service to an account or the account history is inadequate, the volume of sewer usage shall be that used for similar classes of property similarly situated. Alternatively, residential customers who desire to have the volume of sewer discharge based on average winter water usage may install a water meter to meter their well water usage. (*Ord. 96-27, 11/20/96; Ord. 97-6, 4/16/97; Ord. 98-15, 5/06/98; Ord. 2002-31, 11/26/2002; Ord. 2003-08, 3/25/2003; Ord. 2004-27, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-32, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-07, 3/27/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

- (b) **Water Rates:** The rate due and payable to the City by each water user within the City for water taken from the water supply system shall be as follows:

(1) Base Fee. A charge of ~~\$4.20~~ 4.35 per month shall be made to every water account. This charge defrays administrative and billing costs of the City as well as the State water connection surcharge. (*Ord. 2004-26, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-34, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(2) Volume Charge-Commercial, Industrial, Public and Institutional. A charge of ~~\$1.81~~ 1.87 per one thousand gallons of water used shall be made to each water account. In those instances where there is no adequate water meter history, the measure of usage shall be that used for similar classes of property similarly situated. (*Ord. 96-27, 11/20/96; Ord. 99-28, 11/02/99; Ord. 2004-26, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-34, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

Volume Charge-Residential. A charge of ~~\$1.52~~ 1.57 per one thousand gallons of water for the first 12,500 gallons used, ~~\$1.90~~ 1.97 per one thousand gallons of water for 12,501 to 35,000 gallons used, and ~~\$3.28~~ 3.39 per one thousand gallons of water for over 35,000 gallons used for a two month billing period, shall be made to each residential water account. In those instances where there is no adequate water meter history, the measure of usage shall be that used for similar classes of property similarly situated. (*Ord. 99-28, 11/02/99; Ord. 2004-26, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-34, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

Volume Charge-Separately Metered Commercial, Industrial, Public and Institutional Irrigation. A charge of ~~\$2.26~~ 2.34 per one thousand gallons of waters shall be made to each separately metered commercial, industrial, public and institutional irrigation account. In those instances where there is no adequate water meter history, the measure of usage shall be that used for similar classes of property similarly situated. (*Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

Volume Charge-Separately Metered Residential Irrigation. A charge of ~~\$1.90~~ 1.97 per one thousand gallons of water for the first 35,000 gallons used per housing unit served, and ~~\$3.28~~ 3.39 per one thousand gallons of water for over 35,000 gallons per housing unit served for a two month billing period, shall be made to each separately metered residential irrigation account. In those instances where there is no adequate water meter history, the measure of usage shall be that used for similar classes of property similarly situated. (*Ord. 2000-02, 2/01/2000; Ord. 2004-26, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-34, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(3) Demand Charge. The following monthly charge shall be made to every Commercial, Industrial, Public and Institutional water account to reflect the water demand the establishment can place upon the system.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1-1/2"	\$52.30 <u>54.13</u>
2"	\$78.45 <u>81.20</u>
3"	\$163.44 <u>169.16</u>
4"	\$261.52 <u>270.67</u>
6" and over	\$523.05 <u>541.36</u>

(*Ord. 99-28, 11/02/99; Ord. 2004-26, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-34, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(4) Stopped or Faulty Meter. In case the meter is found to have stopped or to be operating in a faulty manner, the amount of water used will be estimated in accordance with the amount used previously.

(5) Water Availability Charge. A water availability charge at the rate of ~~\$2.27~~ 2.34 per month is due and payable by the owner of each lot or parcel of

land which has municipal water service available if such lot or parcel is not connected to the municipal water system; provided, this charge is not due if there is no building or other structure on such lot or parcel. (*Ord. 2004-26, 11/09/2004; Ord. 2005-34, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(c) Radio-Read Meter Surcharge Fees.

(1) A \$100 per month surcharge shall be applied on the water bill for failing to authorize entry onto property to allow the installation of a radio-read meter within 60 days after requested entry.

(2) A \$100 per month surcharge shall be applied and the water usage shall be estimated based on past usage if a property owner fails to allow proper service of, or tampers with either the meter or radio transmitter, thereby interfering with proper meter reading and utility billing.

(d) Storm Water Utility Rate.

The storm water utility rate is ~~\$6.38~~ 6.86 per month and shall be charged to all single-family residential parcels not listed as exempt in Section 725.08; ~~\$21.46~~ 22.75 per acre per month for multi-family residential, and ~~\$45.74~~ 49.17 per acre per month for commercial (*Ord. 2004-22, 9/28/2004; Ord. 2005-33, 11/29/2005; Ord. 2007-06, 2/13/2007; Ord. 2007-31, 12/11/2007; Ord. 2008-29, 12/09/2008; Ord. 2009-20, 12/08/2009; Ord. 2012-02, 1/24/2012; Ord. 2013-04, 1/8/2013; Ord. 2014-07, 1/28/2014; Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(e) Solid Waste Recycling Rate.

The Solid Waste Recycling rate is ~~\$2.50~~ 2.75 per month and shall be charged to all single family residential parcels and any multi-family dwellings under 16 units. (*Ord. 2015-05, 1/27/15; Ord. 2016-10, 3/8/16; Ord. 2017-06, 2/28/17; Ord. 2018-07, 4/10/2018*)

(f) Unpaid Charges for Utility Fees.

An amount equal to 10 percent of the unpaid current service charges shall be added to each account which is not paid by the due date as specified by the Finance Division. If charges are not paid by due date after a billing is issued, the City shall certify the amount due, together with interest and penalties, to the County Auditor to be collected with other real estate taxes on the parcel.

(*Ord. 2011-29, 10/25/2011; Ord. 2016-02, 1/12/2016; Ord. 2018-18, 9/25/2018*)

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and with services incurred effective January 1, 2019.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 26th day of March, 2019.

Jeffry Wosje, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra R. Engdahl, City Clerk