



# City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton  
Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

## Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0008-2026

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### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 921.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO UPDATE SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 921.04(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna, the Director of Public Service is required to annually review sewerage system capacity charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 921.04(C) provides that adjustments to sewerage capacity charges shall be made if the City of Columbus increases its capacity charges; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus has announced its increase of sewerage capacity charges effective April 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has reviewed the updated rates and recommends corresponding adjustments to the City of Gahanna's sewerage system capacity charges in accordance with City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to Section 921.04, as set forth in the attached redlined code (EXHIBIT A) reflect the necessary updates to the fee schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to update the Codified Ordinances to ensure that the revised sewerage system capacity charges take effect concurrent with the City of Columbus rate increase on April 1, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Section 921.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna is hereby amended to update the sewerage system capacity charges as set forth in EXHIBIT A, which is incorporated herein by reference.

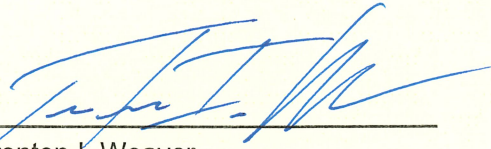
**Section 2.** That the Administration is hereby authorized and directed to implement the updated sewerage system capacity charges effective April 1, 2026.

**Section 3.** That existing rates shall remain in effect until the effective date of the amended charges.

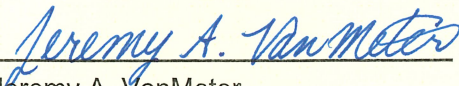
**Section 4.** That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City, in order to ensure that the City's sewerage capacity charges are consistent with those imposed by the City of Columbus and effective concurrently on April 1, 2026; and for this reason, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on March 16, 2026, a motion was made by Renner, seconded by Jones, that this Ordinance be Adopted as an Emergency. The vote was as follows:

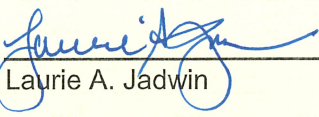
Ms. Bowers, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. McGregor, yes; Ms. Padova, yes;  
Mr. Renner, yes; Mr. Schnetzer, yes; Mr. Weaver, yes.

President   
Trenton I. Weaver

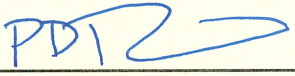
Date 3/16/26

Attest by   
Jeremy A. VanMeter  
Clerk of Council

Date 3/16/2026

Approved by the Mayor   
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 3.16.2026

Approved as to Form   
Priya D. Tamararasan  
City Attorney

Date 3/16/26

**921.04 SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGE.**

- (a) Before any permit is issued for a sanitary sewer connection, there shall be exacted and collected by the City of Gahanna, a sanitary sewer system capacity charge for all property which is, or will be tributary, directly or indirectly, to any trunk sanitary sewer built by the City of Gahanna. The charge shall be exacted and collected only upon the granting of permission to connect a property to the sanitary sewer system.
- (b) The charge so exacted shall be determined in accordance with the following table and reviewed annually by the Director of Public Service with recommendation to Council for necessary code changes. In the event that an existing tap is reduced or eliminated, a credit for the reduced size and/or eliminated tap will be applied to offset current capacity charges. Credits will be determined by using current system capacity charges. Should the sum total of the credits exceed the system capacity charge for the new tap(s), the system capacity charge shall be zero. In no instance shall a refund be paid due to the reduction in size of an existing tap or the elimination of an existing tap.

Domestic Water Supply Diameter of Tap (in inches)	System Capacity Charge (In USD) Effective Charge Beginning <del>2024</del> <a href="#">April 1, 2026</a>
3/4	\$ <del>6,175,327</del>
1	\$ <del>9,922,880</del>
1-1/2	\$ <del>20,954,757</del>
2	\$ <del>39,978,413</del>
3	\$ <del>79,955,826</del>
4	\$ <del>149,256,790</del>
6	\$ <del>254,031,581</del>
8	\$ <del>433,138,130</del>
10	\$ <del>709,640,416</del>
12	\$ <del>1,128,487,605</del>
16	\$ <del>1,315,597,765</del>

- (c) This section shall be ~~reviewed~~ [changed](#) should Columbus increase their capacity charge.
- (d) The funds received from the charges herein imposed shall be deposited in the Treasury, shall be credited to the Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, and shall be available for the construction, operation, maintenance, management, repair, extension or enlargement of the sanitary sewer system, and for the payment of principal and interest on any debt incurred for the construction, improvement, repair, or extension of any part of such sanitary sewer system.

(Ord. 0158-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0124-2015, § 1(Exh. A), 12-7-15; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. 0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)