



Gahanna

ANNUAL CITY CODE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2026
PUBLIC UTILITIES

Overview

- Master Meter Community (Reynoldsburg/Bexley) - Consumption Based
- Enterprise Funds – Financed and Operated in a manner similar to a private business
- Operational Charges (Water and Sanitary): ~80% collected goes to the City of Columbus
- Capital Charges: Stays with the City of Gahanna to maintain the distribution systems
- Columbus Consent Order (Clean River Fees): 100% pass-through to the City of Columbus/per ERU

Utility Systems: Section 5 of the C.I.P. (page 17)

City of Gahanna - Capital Improvement Plan



Projected Cost by Year	Actionable	Assessment	Identified	Visionary	Totals
Utility Systems					
Sanitary Sewer	19,755,000	-	-	-	\$19,755,000
Storm Water	2,250,000	-	-	-	\$2,250,000
Water	5,800,000	-	-	-	\$5,800,000
Utility Systems Total	27,805,000	-	-	-	\$27,805,000

Key Points of Proposed Utility Rate Changes

- Sanitary Sewer Operations Rate: 6% increase in 2026 (Columbus: 8% increase)
- Sanitary Sewer Capital Rate: 4% increase in 2026
- Water Operations Rate: 10% increase in 2026 (Columbus: 18% increase)
- Water Capital Rate: 4% increase in 2026
- Stormwater Rate: 1% increase in 2026
- Columbus Consent Order: Increase from \$3.73 to \$4.39 per ERU (Pass Through)
- Refuse Service: No rate increase for 2026; potential increase for 2027

Gahanna's Proposed Adjustments

- Overall Rate Increase: 6.14% to cover Columbus rate increases, refuse services, stormwater, operational and capital costs
- Impact on Minimum Bill: \$2.41 monthly increase
- Impact on Average Consumption: \$7.46 monthly increase based on 4,000 gallons
- Regional Competitiveness: Gahanna's 2026 rates remain mid-range

Discount Programs

City of Columbus proposed Low Income/Senior Discount (approval/renewal requirements will be updated in 2026)

2026: 30%

2027: 35%

2028: 40% - CAP

Important Things to Know Going Forward:

- Consumption, Consumption, Consumption
 - Water Conservation Awareness
- 5 Year outlook from the City of Columbus
 - Continued higher level increases
 - Sanitary Capacity Fee increase being proposed for April 2026
- Refuse Collection
 - Anticipated increase with new agreement in 2027

Questions?
