

**TITLE THREE Public Utilities**

**CHAPTER 921 Sanitary Sewer Connections and Rental Rates<sup>1</sup>**

Sections:

**921.11 SEWER RENTAL RATES.**

- (a) All lots and land served by the sanitary sewer system shall be charged rental at the following rate, as recommended by the sewer rate study, with the table modified to include the surcharge in the basic rates as shown in the following tables:

SEWER RENTAL TABLE (IN USD)

Effective Date	Base Rate Charge Per 1,000 Gallons Water	Capital Improvement Fund Per 1,000 Gallons	Total Base Charge Per 1,000 Gallons	Sewer Surcharge for City of Columbus Consent Order Projects Per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)	Total Charge Calculation Formula
JANUARY 1, <del>2020</del> <u>2021</u>	<del>\$7,687.95</del>	<del>\$0,660.84</del>	<del>\$8,348.79</del>	<del>\$2,973.03</del> /MONTH/ERU	TOTAL BASE CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS PLUS <del>\$2,973.03</del> /MONTH/ERU FOR COLUMBUS SURCHARGE
JANUARY 1, <del>2021</del> <u>2022</u>	<del>\$7,958.66</del>	<del>\$0,840.94</del>	<del>\$8,799.60</del>	<del>\$3,033.31</del> /MONTH/ERU	TOTAL BASE CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS PLUS <del>\$3,033.31</del> /MONTH/ERU FOR COLUMBUS SURCHARGE

(1) ~~Minimum base rate sewer rental charges per quarter (in USD).~~

Meter Diameter (inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	Base Total Fee 2020 January ±	Sewer Surcharge for City of Columbus Consent Order	Base Total Fee 2021 January ±	Formatted: List 2 Surcharge for City of Columbus Consent Order

<sup>1</sup>Cross reference(s)—Power to license sewer tappers and vault cleaners - see Ohio R.C. 715.27; Compulsory sewer connections - see Ohio R.C. 729.06; Sewerage rates - see Ohio R.C. 729.49, 729.52; Management and control of sewerage system - see Ohio R.C. 729.50.

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Minimum base rate sewer rental charges per month (in USD).

Meter Diameter (inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	Base Total Fee <del>2021</del> 2022 January 1	Sewer Surcharge for City of Columbus Consent Order Projects Per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) <del>2021-2022</del> January 1
Less than 3	1,000	\$ <del>8,799.60</del>	\$ <del>3,033.31</del>
3	6,000	\$ <del>52,7457.60</del>	\$ <del>3,033.31</del>
4	8,000	\$ <del>70,3276.80</del>	\$ <del>3,033.31</del>
6	12,000	\$ <del>105,48115.20</del>	\$ <del>3,033.31</del>
8	16,000	\$ <del>140,64153.60</del>	\$ <del>3,033.31</del>
10	20,000	\$ <del>175,80192.00</del>	\$ <del>3,033.31</del>

- (b) The City of Gahanna adopts the Columbus Low Income Discount Program and the Director of Public Service and Engineering is authorized to create regulations for administering said program. So long as the City of Columbus offers the Low Income Discount Program, or similar programs, to master meter communities, the City of Gahanna may offer the program to its qualified users.
- (c) Additional billing charges may be incurred due to industrial use classification changes, which shall be charged to the individual customer(s) affected in accordance with the industrial user class charges established in Columbus City Code, Section 1147.08.
- (d) Quarters shall consist of three-month periods with billings commencing on a schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Service and Engineering. The quarter bill, including all penalties, shall be due and payable 30 days from the date of mailing. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. A delinquent notice granting an additional 21 days before discontinuance of service shall be mailed to those accounts not paid in the 30 day period. Billing periods may also consist of monthly time periods. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. The Director of Public Service and Engineering or the Director's designee has the authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.
- (e) Final bills shall be due and payable within 14 days from the date of mailing.
- (f) Bills shall be sent on a time schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Service and Engineering, to the address given by the owner. The owner shall be responsible for promptly notifying the City of Gahanna of any change of address and no consideration shall be given for failure to do so.
- (g) Any property owner who uses or intends to use the City of Gahanna sanitary sewer system, but does not use the water system of such City of Gahanna, shall be required to purchase a water meter from the City of Gahanna and install the same on the private water system line, in order to determine the proper sewer rental charges to be assessed. The owner shall permit inspection and testing of this meter at any reasonable

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time by a duly authorized representative of the City of Gahanna and shall keep the meter and transmitter in good operating condition.

- (h) The Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Fund shall be used for the payment of bonds and notes issued for the purpose of financing sewer system capital improvements, and no moneys therein shall be used for any other purpose until and unless the Director of Finance of the City of Gahanna certifies that there are sufficient moneys within the Fund to make all payments necessary to pay the bonds and notes. In the event the Director of Finance so certifies, then the excess funds may be used for capital improvements and maintenance of the sewer system.
- (i) The sewer surcharge for City of Columbus consent order projects is mandated to address wet weather issues caused by rain and snow melt overwhelming the sanitary sewer system through inflow and infiltration.

(Ord. 0158-2014, Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0124-2015, § 1(Exh. A), 12-7-15; Ord. No. 0115-2016, Exh. A, 11-21-16; Ord. No. 0080-2017, § 1(Exh. A), 11-20-17; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. 0109-2019, § 1(Exh. A), 11-18-19; Ord. No. 110-2020, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-20)

## **CHAPTER 927 Storm Sewers<sup>2</sup>**

Sections:

### **927.17 CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND ERU ASSIGNMENT AND RATE.**

All properties having impervious area within the City of Gahanna shall be assigned an equivalent residential unit (ERU) or a multiple thereof, which will be at a minimum one ERU. There shall be two classifications of property for determination of the stormwater management service charge-variable charge:

- (a) *Class R.* Single family residential properties assigned one ERU. The annual stormwater management service charge for Class R lot(s) shall be in accordance with the following schedule:  
~~2013- Class R: \$13.00 per quarter less any applicable credits.~~  
Beginning January 1 2020: Class R: ~~\$12.99 per quarter or~~ \$4.33 per month less any applicable credits.
- (b) *Class C.* All properties having an impervious area which are not single family residential properties assigned by the Director an ERU multiple based upon the properties estimated impervious area (in square feet) divided by 3064 square feet (one ERU) calculated to the second decimal place. The annual stormwater management charge for Class C lots and parcels shall be calculated as follows:  
~~2013- Class C: \$13.00 per ERU per quarter less any applicable credits.~~  
Beginning January 1 2020: Class C: ~~\$12.99 per quarter or~~ \$4.33 per month less any applicable credits.
- (c) Quarters shall consist of three-month periods with billings commencing on a schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Service and Engineering. The quarter bill, including all penalties, shall be due and payable 30 days from the date of mailing. Billing periods may also consist of monthly time periods. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. The Director of Public Service and Engineering or the Director's designee has the authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.

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<sup>2</sup>Cross reference(s)—Untreated sewage - see Ohio R.C. 3701.59; Interference with sewage flow - see Ohio R.C. 4933.24; Sewer connections and rental rates - see S. & P. S. Ch. 921; Surface water discharge - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 925

(Ord. 0161-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18 ; Ord. No. 0109-2019, § 1(Exh. A), 11-18-19 )

**CHAPTER 929 Water Connections and Rates<sup>3</sup>**

Sections:

**929.12 WATER RATES (IN USD).**

(a) The following rates (in USD) shall apply to water service within the City of Gahanna:

Effective Date	Base Rate Per Thousand Gallons	Plus Capital Improvement Per Thousand Gallons	Billing Rate Per Thousand Gallons
JANUARY 1, <del>2020</del> <u>2021</u>	\$ <del>8.438.79</del>	\$ <del>0.300.33</del>	\$ <del>8.739.12</del>
JANUARY 1, <del>2021</del> <u>2022</u>	\$ <del>8.798.92</del>	\$ <del>0.330.36</del>	\$ <del>9.129.28</del>

(1) The "billing rate per thousand gallons" in the above table shall be applied to the first ~~nine-three~~ million gallons of water purchased per user per ~~quarter~~month. Quantities beyond ~~nine-three~~ million gallons purchased per user per ~~quarter~~month shall be charged an amount equal to the supply cost.

~~(2) — Minimum base rate domestic water charges per quarter (in USD):~~

Meter Diameter (inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	<del>2020</del> January 1	<del>2021</del> January 1
<del>Less than 3</del>	<del>3,000</del>	<del>\$ 26.19</del>	<del>\$ 27.36</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>18,000</del>	<del>\$ 157.14</del>	<del>\$ 164.16</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>24,000</del>	<del>\$ 209.52</del>	<del>\$ 218.88</del>
<del>6</del>	<del>36,000</del>	<del>\$ 314.28</del>	<del>\$ 328.32</del>
<del>8</del>	<del>48,000</del>	<del>\$ 419.04</del>	<del>\$ 437.76</del>
<del>10</del>	<del>60,000</del>	<del>\$ 523.80</del>	<del>\$ 547.20</del>

~~(3) Minimum base rate domestic water charges per month (in USD).~~

Meter Diameter (inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	<del>2021-2022</del> January 1
<del>Less than 3</del>	<del>1,000</del>	<del>\$ 9.129.28</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>6,000</del>	<del>\$ 54.7255.68</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>8,000</del>	<del>\$ 72.9674.24</del>

<sup>3</sup>Cross reference(s)—Compulsory water connections - see Ohio R.C. 729.06, 743.23; Management and control of water works - see Ohio R.C. 743.02 et seq.; Weekly deposit of water works money collected - see Ohio R.C. 743.06; Unauthorized connections - see Ohio R.C. 4933.22

6	12,000	\$ <del>109.44</del> <u>111.36</u>
8	16,000	\$ <del>145.92</del> <u>148.48</u>
10	20,000	\$ <del>182.40</del> <u>185.60</u>

- (b) The City of Gahanna adopts the Columbus Low Income Discount Program and the Director of Public Service and Engineering is authorized to create regulations for administering said program. So long as the City of Columbus offers the Low Income Discount Program, or similar programs, to master meter communities, the City of Gahanna may offer the program to its qualified users.
- (c) The Water Capital Improvement Fund shall be used for the payment of bonds and notes issued for the purpose of financing water system capital improvements, and no moneys therein shall be used for any other purpose until and unless the Finance Director of the City of Gahanna certifies that there are sufficient moneys within the fund to make all payments necessary to pay the bonds and notes. In the event the Finance Director so certifies, then the excess funds may be used for capital improvements and maintenance of the water system.
- (d) Quarters shall consist of three-month periods with billings commencing on a schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Service and Engineering. The quarter bill, including all penalties, shall be due and payable 30 days from the date of mailing. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. A delinquent notice granting an additional 21 days before discontinuance of service shall be mailed to those accounts not paid in the 30 day period. Billing periods may also consist of monthly time periods. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. The Director of Public Service and Engineering or the Director's designee has the authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.
- (e) Final bills shall be due and payable within 14 days from the date of mailing.
- (f) Bills shall be sent on a time schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Service and Engineering to the address given by the owner, who shall be responsible for promptly notifying the Division of Water of any change of address, and no consideration shall be given for failure to do so.
- (g) The Director of Public Service and Engineering shall review these water rates annually and shall submit a written report to Council, recommending either that this rate schedule be maintained or modified.

(Ord. 0159-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0125-2015 , § 1(Exh. A), 12-7-15; Ord. No. 0116-2016 , Exh. A, 11-21-16; Ord. No. 0083, § 1(Exh. A), 11-20-17 ; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18 ; Ord. No. 0109-2019, § 1(Exh. A), 11-18-19 ; Ord. No. 111-2020 , § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-20)

**929.15 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE.**

- (a) For all fire protection service installations made after the effective date of Ordinance 70-73, requiring a separate fire service line, the consumer shall install at their expense, subject to the inspection and approval of the City of Gahanna, all of the piping system necessary to extend from the consumer's system and connect to the City of Gahanna's existing water main.
- (b) All separate fire service lines shall have installed, before service is established, an approved meter installation. Such meter and the installation shall meet the specifications and approval of the City of Gahanna and the entire installation shall be at the expense of the consumer. The applicable rates as prescribed in Section 929.12(a) shall be paid for metered fire service lines.
- (c) The City of Gahanna reserves the right to order the installation of a meter on an existing fire protection line upon violation of applicable ordinances and the rules and regulations of the Director of Public Service and Engineering.

- (d) No charge except the minimum charge will be made for any measured water flow resulting from the use of water for firefighting purposes when such fire has been reported to the fire department serving the area involved.
- (e) Where an unmetered tap for a fire service line exists, the following charge shall be paid per month as prescribed below:

Fire Tap Diameter (Inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	<del>2021-2022</del> Charge (In USD) Per Month
4 or less	8,000	\$ <del>72.96</del> 74.24
6	12,000	\$ <del>109.44</del> 111.36
8	16,000	\$ <del>145.92</del> 148.48
10	20,000	\$ <del>182.40</del> 185.60

- (f) When a property is served with both an unmetered fire protection service and water service, the amount to be paid for the combined service shall be the charge computed by using the applicable water rate established in Section 929.12 in addition to the table above.
- (g) All outlets, except sprinkler heads, on unmetered fire protection service shall be sealed under the supervision of the Division of Water. No person shall break a seal, or withdraw water from any unmetered fire protection system, except in the case of fire, without prior approval of the Director of Public Service and Engineering.
- (h) The Director of Public Service and Engineering shall review these water rates annually and submit a written report to Council, recommending either that this rate schedule be maintained or modified.

(Ord. 0159-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0125-2015 , § 1(Exh. A), 12-7-15; Ord. No. 0116-2016 , Exh. A, 11-21-16; Ord. No. 0083, § 1(Exh. A), 11-20-17 ; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18 ; Ord. No. 0109-2019, § 1(Exh. A), 11-18-19 ; Ord. No. 111-2020 , § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-20)

**929.17 SPECIAL CHARGES (IN USD).**

The following charges may be imposed by the City of Gahanna:

Trip to place door hanger notifying of turn off if account not paid <u>or noncompliant backflow device</u> :	\$ 12.00
Trip to turn off service for nonpayment of account <u>or noncompliant backflow device</u> during regular work hours:	\$ 36.00
Trip to turn on service after turn-off for nonpayment <u>or noncompliant backflow device</u> during regular work hours:	\$ 36.00
Trip to turn on or off service at curb box at request of customer during regular work hours:	\$ 36.00
Trip to turn on or off service at curb box at request of customer after regular working hours:	\$ 125.00

Trip to service any meter and/or transmitter that measures the amount of water not discharging into the sanitary sewer system:	\$ 50.00
Trip to service or replace meter and/or transmitter missing or damaged by negligence, vandalism, freezing, etc.:	\$ 50.00 plus actual cost to repair or replace
Penalty for fraud or illegal diversion of water, unauthorized turn on of water, meter tampering, bypass of meter, or other violation of the rules and regulations of the Director of Public Service and Engineering:	\$500.00 for each offense
Permit to use water from fire hydrant meter:	\$50.00 per month plus water used, charged at regular rate plus 15%
Project Water Use Agreement	Fee based upon size of line and time flushed, charged at regular rate plus 15%
Testing of meter at the request of customer:	
(1) Where meter tests Outside the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard:	\$ 0.00
(2) Where meter tests within the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard:	
(a) Where a meter is less than 1-1/2 inches in diameter:	\$80.00 plus actual cost to test and repair or replace
(b) Where meter is 1-1/2 inches or larger in diameter, the consumer shall be responsible to have the meter removed, transported to and from a City approved meter shop, and reinstalled, under the inspection and approval of the Division of Water:	\$ 80.00 plus actual cost to test and repair or replace

The Director of Public Service and Engineering shall review these water rates annually and submit a written report to Council, recommending either that this rate schedule be maintained or modified.

(Ord. 0159-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0125-2015, § 1(Exh. A), 12-7-15 ; Ord. No. 0083, § 1(Exh. A), 11-20-17 ; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18 )

