

Code Modification Summary:

General Code Changes

- Revised Department of Public Service to the Department of Public Service and Engineering.
- Revised Director of Public Service to Director of Public Service and Engineering.

521.06 Duty to Keep Sidewalks in Repair and Clean

- Clarified language to clarify maintenance responsibility of home owners related to sidewalks and vegetation, etc.

TITLE ONE – STREET AND SIDEWALK AREAS

CHAPTER 911 – Diverting or Obstructing Watercourses

Section 911.01 Penalty

- Changed the permit fee to \$50.00 from \$5.00.

TITLE THREE – PUBLIC UTILITIES

Section 921.11 Sewer Rental Rates

- Sanitary Sewer Operational Rate: \$7.61/1,000 gal (was \$7.15/1,000 gal in 2018)
- Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Rate: \$0.65/1,000 gal (was \$1.08/1,000 gal in 2018)
 - FYI - The City of Columbus continues to offer a pass-thru 20% low income discount.
- Columbus Consent Order (CCO): The city of Columbus is under a consent order with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to separate their combined storm and sanitary sewers. Because the satellite communities utilize Columbus' sewer system, we are all responsible to contribute to these projects. The revenue that we collect for this consent order is passed-thru to Columbus and Gahanna does not keep any of this money. CCO Rate: \$8.62/ERU/qtr (was \$8.10/ERU/qtr in 2018)\
- Provided a chart to clarify minimum sanitary sewer rental fee rates.

CHAPTER 927 – STORM SEWERS

Section 927.24 Illicit Non-Stormwater Discharge and Illegal Connection to the Storm Sewer System

- Changed the words "the Franklin County Public Health District" to "Franklin County Public Health".

CHAPTER 929 – WATER CONNECTIONS AND RATES

Section 929.12 Water Rates

- Water Operational Rate: **\$7.85/1,000 gal** (*increased from \$7.36/1,000 gal in 2018*)
- Water Capital Improvement Rate: **\$0.31/1,000 gal** (*increased from the rate of \$0.27/1,000 gal in 2018*)

Section 929.15 Private Fire Protection Service

- Upgraded unmetered fire line rate

Section 929.17 Special Charges

- General cleanup of the first sentence in Special Charges.
- Clarified working and charge for the \$500 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.

CHAPTER 941 – GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION

Section 941.15 Pickup and Disposal Fees

- Curb Pickup Rate: **\$51.93/Quarterly** (*increased from \$50.19/Quarterly in 2018*)
- Carryout Service Rate: **\$111.93/Quarterly** (*increased from \$110.19/Quarterly in 2018*)
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CHAPTER 945 – WEEDS AND GRASS

General

- Changed Director of Public Service to Director of Public Service and Engineering.
- Changed Zoning Administrator to Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Section 945.03 Service of Notice

- Clarified Service of Notice Requirements

Section 945.04 Failure to Comply Remedy

- Added other undesirable vegetation to the section.

Section 945.06 Noxious Weeds or Grass

- Removed Milkweed from the list of noxious weeds or grass.

Section 945.07 Mowing Fees

- Increased the mowing administrative fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00.

Section 945.08 Exemptions

- Added the requirement to maintain a 5' grassed buffer to any property line.

CHAPTER 1301 – BUILDING CODE

Section 1301.02 Purpose

- Corrected reference to the Ohio Building Code Section.

Section 1301.03 Scope

- Corrected reference to the Ohio Building Code Section, and updated relevant exceptions.

Section 1301.09 Enforcement

- Corrected reference to the Ohio Building Code Section.

Section 1311.02 Contractor Registration

- Better clarified the paragraph regarding registration requirements.

Section 1311.04 Qualifications of Applicants

- Better clarified the term of the registration.

Section 1315.04 Fees Split as Compensation

- Better clarified compensation for electrical permits and inspection.

Misc. Sections Throughout the Chapter

- Changes the Building and Zoning Fee Schedule code section reference from "148.12" to "135.10"

BUILDING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULE REVISIONS

Building Fees

- Made a few minor revisions to fee classification and types which included the following:
 - Clarified the Fence Permit language.
 - Better defined the Kitchen Hood and Duct fee and permit under Fire Protection.
 - Added a fire protection system permit fee structure under the residential section.
 - Added a permit and fee for retaining walls
 - Added gas piping to the first section under footnotes.

Zoning Fee Schedule

- Updated Zoning fees to be more consistent with central Ohio Communities.