



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0069-2022

File Number: ORD-0069-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLE THREE PUBLIC UTILITIES - CHAPTER 921 SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS AND RENTAL RATES AND CHAPTER 929 WATER CONNECTIONS AND RATES - AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Gahanna's Codified Ordinances, the Department of Public Service annually reviews applicable code provisions and fee schedules for necessary updates and revisions related to utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the annual review occurs after the City of Columbus determines rates that are passed on to the City of Gahanna; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has received the proposed increases for 2023 from the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Administration requests Council adopt the proposed code changes and fee schedule updates to cover the City of Columbus rate increases and operational expenses of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends passage of this Ordinance as an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, safety, health, and welfare of the City to ensure rates are effective as of January 1, 2023.

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

Section 1. That Code Sections 921.11 - Sewer Rental Rates, 929.12 - Water Rates (in USD), and 929.15 - Private Fire Protection Service are hereby amended and adopted as set forth in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and made a part herein.

Section 2. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble above, this Ordinance is declared an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by this Council and on date of signature of approval by the Mayor.

At a meeting of the City Council on December 5, 2022, a motion was made by Bowers, seconded by Schnetzer, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The vote was as follows:

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

President

Stephen A. Renner

Date

12/05/2022

Attest by Jeremy A. Van Meter
Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

Date 12/5/22

Approved by the Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin
Laurie A. Jadwin

Date 12.5.2022

Approved as to Form Raymond J. Mularski
Raymond J. Mularski
City Attorney

Date 12-5-2022

EXHIBIT A

PART NINE - STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE

TITLE THREE Public Utilities

CHAPTER 921 Sanitary Sewer Connections and Rental Rates¹

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, 202 2 ₁	\$ 8.667 ₉₅	\$ 0.94 ₈₄	\$ 9.608 ₇₉	\$ 3.310 ₃ /MONTH/ERU	TOTAL BASE CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS PLUS \$ 3.310 ₃ /MONTH/ERU FOR COLUMBUS SURCHARGE
JANUARY 1, 202 3 ₂	\$ 9.188 ₆₆	\$0.94	\$ 10.129 ₆₀	\$ 3.383 ₃₁ /MONTH/ERU	TOTAL BASE CHARGE PER 1,000 GALLONS PLUS \$ 3.383 ₃₁ /MONTH/ERU FOR COLUMBUS SURCHARGE

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

Meter Diameter (inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	Base Total Fee 202 3 ₂ January 1	Sewer Surcharge for City of Columbus Consent Order Projects Per Equivalent

¹Cross 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.

			Residential Unit (ERU) 2023 1 January 1
Less than 3	1,000	\$ 10.129.60	\$ 3.383.31
3	6,000	\$ 60.7257.60	\$ 3.383.31
4	8,000	\$ 80.9676.80	\$ 3.383.31
6	12,000	\$ 121.44115.20	\$ 3.383.31
8	16,000	\$ 161.92153.60	\$ 3.383.31
10	20,000	\$ 202.40192.00	\$ 3.383.31

- (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 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; Ord. No. 0070-2021 , § 1(Exh. A), 11-15-21)

CHAPTER 929 Water Connections and Rates²

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, 202 21	\$ 8.928.79	\$ 0.360.33	\$ 9.289.12
JANUARY 1, 202 32	\$ 9.198.92	\$ 0.36	\$ 9.559.28

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

Meter Diameter (inches)	Minimum Gallons Billed	202 32 January 1
Less than 3	1,000	\$ 9.559.28
3	6,000	\$ 57.3055.68
4	8,000	\$ 76.4074.24
6	12,000	\$ 114.60111.36
8	16,000	\$ 152.80148.48
10	20,000	\$ 191.00185.60

- (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.

²Cross 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

- (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; Ord. No. 0070-2021 , § 1(Exh. A), 11-15-21)

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	2023 2 Charge (In USD) Per Month
4 or less	8,000	\$ 74.24
6	12,000	\$ 111.36
8	16,000	\$ 148.48
10	20,000	\$ 185.60

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- (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; Ord. No. 0070-2021, § 1(Exh. A), 11-15-21)