



City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton
Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Signature

Ordinance: ORD-0051-2025

File Number: ORD-0051-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH UTILITY RATES AND AMEND RELATED PROVISIONS OF PART NINE, TITLE THREE - PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City of Gahanna, through its Department of Public Service, is required under Chapters 919, 921, 927, 929, 933, and 941 of the Gahanna Codified Ordinances to annually review and recommend updates to utility rates and related provisions of City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Service has completed its 2025 annual review of utility rates and associated code sections following the determination of 2026 rates by the City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities, which provides wholesale water and sanitary sewer services to the City of Gahanna; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has recommended for 2026 an increase of 8% in sanitary sewer rates and 18% in water rates, and an expansion of the low-income discount program from 25% to 30%; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain financial stability, cover pass-through costs from Columbus, address local infrastructure and operational needs, and minimize future rate spikes, the City of Gahanna Administration recommends a 6.14% overall rate increase for 2026, equivalent to approximately \$7.46 per month for an average residential customer using 4,000 gallons per month; and

WHEREAS, even with the proposed rate adjustments, the City of Gahanna's rates will remain competitive and within the mid-range of comparable regional communities; and

WHEREAS, the specific rate and code amendments are detailed in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and include updates to Sections 921.11 Sewer Rental Rates, 927.17 Classification of Property and ERU Assignment and Rate, and 929.12 Water Rates of the Gahanna Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that Council adopt the proposed updates to utility rates and related provisions as part of the annual review process.

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

Section 1. That the utility rates and related amendments to Gahanna Codified Ordinances Chapters 921, 927, and 929 as shown in EXHIBIT A (Redline Changes to Code) are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as though fully rewritten herein.

Section 2. That the updated rates shall become effective for all billing periods beginning January 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by further action of this Council.

Section 3. That all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by this Council and 30 days after signature of approval by the Mayor.

At a regular meeting of the City Council on December 1, 2025, a motion was made by Renner,
seconded by Weaver, that the Ordinance be Adopted. 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 Merisa Bowers
Merisa K. Bowers

Date 12/1/25

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

Date 12/1/2025

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

Date 12.2.2025

Approved as to Form PDT
Priya D. Tamilarasan
City Attorney

Date 12/1/25

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 2024
3/4	\$ 5,327
1	8,880
1-1/2	17,757
2	28,413
3	56,826
4	88,790
6	177,581
8	284,130
10	331,416
12	619,605
16	687,765

- (c) This section shall be 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. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

921.05 SEWER FOOTAGE FEES.

- (a) *Front footage fee.* Before issuing any permit to tap, as set forth in this chapter, a charge of \$45.00 per front foot of the property to be served shall be made and collected unless one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - The property has been specially assessed for the cost of construction of a sewer to provide a lateral sewer benefit.
 - The lateral connection is made to a sanitary sewer main that was installed by a private developer that was not constructed under a private sewer agreement.

- The private agreement has expired.

Lots or parcels of ground which have the same width at the front and rear and the same depth on each side shall be charged on the basis of actual frontage. However, where the depth of such lot or parcel of ground abuts on a street or other public way and the owner elects to construct a building fronting on the street or public way abutting such depth, the fee shall be exacted for such depth.

A deduction shall be made from the charges herein imposed, wherever, and to the extent that the owner of the property concerned can show that a special assessment has been paid for such or similar trunk sanitary sewer benefit, provided that such deduction shall be limited to the amount of such special assessment so paid.

All amounts so collected shall be deposited in the Treasury and credited to the Sewer System Capital Improvement Fund, Front Foot Charges Account.

- (b) *Subtrunk sewer fees.* Before connecting any property to a subtrunk sewer constructed through undeveloped lands, acreage fees shall be charged to the property to be served by such connection. The acreage fees shall be determined and charged on a per acre basis, except under the following conditions:

- (1) Such property has been specially assessed for the cost of the sewer;
- (2) Such sewer has been constructed by the owner of such property and such owner's predecessors in interest under a private sewer agreement;
- (3) Such sewer has been constructed by the owner of such property or such owner's predecessors in interest under a separate special agreement.

These fees are to be reviewed annually by the Director of Public Service.

All amounts so collected shall be deposited in the Treasury and credited to the Sewer System Capital Improvement Fund, Front Foot Charges Account.

(Ord. 0158-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0080-2017, § 1(Exh. A), 11-20-17; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

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, 2025 January 1, 2024	\$10.28 \$9.18	\$1.53 \$1.53	\$11.81 \$10.71	\$3.73/Month/ERU \$3.55/Month/ERU	Total Base Charge Per 1,000 Gallons Plus \$3.73/Month/ERU For Columbus Surcharge Total Base Charge Per 1,000

					Gallons Plus \$3.55/Month/ERU For Columbus Surcharge
January 1, 202 6 ₅	\$10. 90 ₂₈	\$1. 59 ₃	\$12. 491.81	\$ 3.734.39 /Month/ERU	Total Base Charge Per 1,000 Gallons Plus \$ 3.734.39 /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 6 ₅ January 1	Sewer Surcharge for City of Columbus Consent Order Projects Per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) 202 6 ₅ January 1
Less than 3	1,000	\$12. 491.81	\$ 3.734.39
3	6,000	\$74. 940.86	\$ 3.734.39
4	8,000	\$99. 924.48	\$ 3.734.39
6	12,000	\$149. 881.72	\$ 3.734.39
8	16,000	\$199. 8488.96	\$ 3.734.39
10	20,000	\$249. 8036.20	\$ 3.734.39

- (b) The City of Gahanna adopts the Columbus Low Income Discount Program and the Director 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) Billing periods may consist of Monthly or Quarterly time periods, as determined by the Director of Public Service.
- (a) The monthly bill, including all penalties, shall be due and payable 28 days from the date of mailing. A delinquent notice granting an additional 21 days before discontinuance of service shall be mailed to those accounts not paid in the 28-day period. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. The Director or the Director's designee has the authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.
- (b) Quarters shall consist of three-month periods with billings commencing on a schedule to be determined by the Director. 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. The Director 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, 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; Ord. No. 0069-2022, 12-5-22; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23; Ord. No. 0086-2024, § 1(Exh. A), 12-2-24)

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:

Beginning January 1, 2025: Class R: \$5.~~2014~~ 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 2000 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:

Beginning January 1, 2025: Class C: \$5.~~2014~~ per month less any applicable credits.

- (c) Billing periods may consist of Monthly or Quarterly time periods, as determined by the Director of Public Service.
 - (i) The monthly bill, including all penalties, shall be due and payable 28 days from the date of mailing. A delinquent notice granting an additional 21 days before discontinuance of service shall be mailed to those accounts not paid in the 28-day period. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. The Director or the Director's designee has the

authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.

- (ii) Quarters shall consist of three-month periods with billings commencing on a schedule to be determined by the Director of Public Service. 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. The Director of Public Service or the Director's designee has the authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.

(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; Ord. No. 0070-2021, § 1(Exh. A), 11-15-21; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23; Ord. No. 0086-2024, § 1(Exh. A), 12-2-24)

929.02 PERMIT REQUIRED; MULTIPLE USE CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED.

- (a) No connection with any part of the City of Gahanna water system, nor the repair or removal thereof, nor any excavation thereof shall be started without first securing a permit from the Department of Public Service and Engineering. Such permit must be on the premises where such water service connection is being constructed, prior to beginning such work and during the continuation thereof. A charge of \$80.00 shall be made for such permit, to cover the cost of issuance and inspections. Such amount shall be deposited in the Treasury Water Fund. The charge for such permit is non-refundable.
- (b) No permit shall be issued which contemplates the construction or installation of any multiple use connections. Each commercial, industrial, residential, occupied structure, etc., shall have a separate water service connection to the water system, whether or not such facilities are owned by one person. Multiple structures shall have separate connections for each unit, except where this would create a manifest hardship, in which case the Director of Public Service and Engineering may grant special written permission to the owner to use a single connection. Where such permission is granted for double units to use a single connection, it must provide that such connection shall not be less than one inch in diameter, and that separate curb stops and boxes, and separate meters are installed.
- (c) The Director of Public Service and Engineering shall review these permit fees annually and submit a written report to Council, recommending that this fee either be maintained or modified.

(Ord. 0159-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18)

929.03 WATER TAP CHARGE.

- (a) The Division of Water shall maintain the water tap which shall remain the property of the City of Gahanna. The tap charges for taps that are purchased from the City are at a rate of cost plus ten percent.
- (b) The water tap charges, set forth above, shall be reviewed each year by the Director of Public Service and Engineering, who shall submit a written report to Council, recommending needed adjustments based upon actual cost.
- (c) All water taps in subdivisions or developments must be installed at the time the water mains are installed.
- (d) Every property owner shall be required to install a tap for each lot or parcel immediately prior to the paving of any street when ordered by the Director.
- (e) Taps may be installed by a contractor licensed by the City of Gahanna upon issuance of a permit by the Division of Water. Such installation must conform to the standards and specifications of the Division of Engineering and must be approved by the Division of Water.

(f) Before issuing any permit to tap, as set forth in this chapter, a charge of \$45.00 per front foot of the property to be served shall be made and collected unless one or more of the following conditions exist:

- The property has been specially assessed for the cost of construction of the water main to be tapped.
- The tap is made to a water main that was installed by a private developer that was not constructed under a private water agreement.
- The private agreement has expired.

Lots or parcels of ground which have the same width at the front and rear, and the same depth on each side shall be charged on the basis of actual frontage, except where the depth of such lot or parcel of ground abuts on a street or other public way and the owner elects to construct a building fronting on the street or public way abutting such depth, the fee shall be exacted for such depth.

(g) All amounts so collected for front footage shall be deposited in the Water System Capital Improvements Fund.

(h) The Director shall review these water tap charges and front footage fees annually and submit a written report to Council, recommending that these fees either be maintained or modified.

(Ord. 0159-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0083, § 1(Exh. A), 11-20-17; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

929.08 METER SERVICE FEE.

- (a) When a permit is issued for a water service connection or a change in meter size up to one inch in nominal diameter, the meter shall be installed by the City. Meters shall be purchased from the City at a rate of cost plus ten percent. Additionally, a transmitter shall be purchased from the City at a rate of cost plus ten percent. Remote reading devices will be required on all meters and installed by the Division of Water.
- (b) When a permit is issued for a water service connection or a change in meter size one and one-half inches or larger in nominal diameter, the meter shall be installed by the applicant under the inspection and approval of the Division of Water. Meters shall be purchased from the City at a rate of cost plus ten percent. Additionally, a transmitter shall be purchased from the city at a rate of cost plus ten percent. Remote reading devices will be required on all meters and installed by the Division of Water.
- (c) After the meter is procured and before the curb stop is opened, the meter shall be set and installed in an easily-accessible position in a manner approved by the City of Gahanna, and shall not thereafter be moved, removed or otherwise tampered with, except upon express written approval of a duly authorized agent of the City of Gahanna.
- (d) The meter service fee as set forth, shall be reviewed each year by the Director of Public Service and Engineering, who shall recommend to Council any needed adjustments based upon actual cost.
- (e) All water meters exclusive of deducting meters, shall be maintained by and remain the property of the City of Gahanna.
- (f) Meter Service Fees shall be calculated based on the actual size of the meter in nominal diameter.
- (g) Sewer adjustment meters for the purpose of deducting water not entering the sanitary sewer system from the sewer portion of the bill shall be permitted. Such meters shall be purchased from the City of Gahanna at a rate of cost plus ten percent. Additionally, a transmitter shall be purchased from the City of Gahanna at a rate of cost plus ten percent. All deducting meters must meet the specifications established by the City of Gahanna and shall be owned and maintained by the property owner. The meters shall be installed in such manner as to register water that does not enter the sanitary sewer system in any way. Such installation shall meet with the standards of the Division of Water and Sewer and shall be inspected by its representative

upon completion. Sewer adjustment credits will only be allowed after inspection and approval of the meter by the City of Gahanna. Any usage from the date of installation to the date of inspection and approval will not be subject to a reduction. The fee for said inspection shall be \$45.00.

(Ord. 0159-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0125-2015, § 1(Exh. A), 12-7-15; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

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 5 <u>4</u>	\$9.65	\$1.08	\$10.73
January 1, 202 5 <u>6</u>	\$ 9.65 <u>10.69</u>	\$ 1.12 <u>08</u>	\$ 10.73 <u>11.81</u>

(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 in accordance with the table below:

Effective Date	Base Rate Per Thousand Gallons	Plus Capital Improvement Per Thousand Gallons	Billing Rate Per Thousand Gallons
January 1, 202 5 <u>6</u>	\$ 5.89 <u>6.47</u>	\$ 1.12 <u>08</u>	\$ 6.97 <u>7.59</u>

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

Meter Diameter (inches)	202 5 <u>6</u> January 1	2025 January 1
Less than 3	\$ 10.73 <u>11.81</u>	\$ 11.64 <u>073</u>
3	\$ 64.38 <u>70.86</u>	\$ 69.84 <u>4.38</u>
4	\$ 85.84 <u>94.48</u>	\$ 93.12 <u>85.84</u>
6	\$ 128.76 <u>141.72</u>	\$ 139.68 <u>28.76</u>
8	\$ 171.68 <u>188.96</u>	\$ 186.24 <u>71.68</u>
10	\$ 214.60 <u>236.20</u>	\$ 232.80 <u>14.60</u>

- (b) The City of Gahanna adopts the Columbus Low Income Discount Program and the Director 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) Billing periods may consist of Monthly or Quarterly time periods, as determined by the Director of Public Service.
- (a) The monthly bill, including all penalties, shall be due and payable 28 days from the date of mailing. A delinquent notice granting an additional 21 days before discontinuance of service shall be mailed to those accounts not paid in the 28-day period. A ten percent penalty shall be assessed to all accounts paying after the due date. The Director or the Director's designee has the authority under this chapter to waive the above ten percent penalty after review of the facts presented.
- (b) Quarters shall consist of three-month periods with billings commencing on a schedule to be determined by the Director. 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. The Director 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 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 so do.
- (g) The Director 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; Ord. No. 0069-2022, 12-5-22; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23; Ord. No. 0086-2024, § 1(Exh. A), 12-2-24)

929.14 SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGE.

- (a) The following rates shall be charged for each water service connection made to any property and shall be paid at the time a permit is issued for the water service connection. No person shall make a water service connection or any part thereof, unless they have been issued a permit by the Director of Public Service. In the event a tap is subsequently enlarged, the difference between the charges for the two sizes shall be paid at current system capacity charges.

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.

Tap Diameter (Inches)	System Capacity Charge (in USD) Effective Date (January 1, 2024)
5/8	\$ 2,018.00
3/4	\$ 2,018.00
1	\$ 3,363.00

1-1/2	\$ 8,568.00
2	\$ 14,699.00
3	\$ 30,624.00
4	\$ 47,775.00
6	\$ 108,529.00
8	\$ 191,100.00
10	\$ 355,446.00
12	\$ 489,183.00

- (b) For all taps used to supply fire protection only, the rate shall be one-half the rate specified in this section.
- (c) System Capacity Charge shall be calculated based on the actual size of the tap in nominal diameter.
- (d) The Director of Public Service shall review these system capacity 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. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. 111-2020, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-20; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

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.
- (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	2026 Charge (In USD) Per Month
4 or less	8,000	\$ 85.84 94.48
6	12,000	\$ 128.76 141.72
8	16,000	\$ 171.68 188.96
10	20,000	\$ 214.60 236.20

- (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.
- (h) The Director 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; Ord. No. 0069-2022, 12-5-22; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

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 or noncompliant backflow device:	\$ 12.00
Trip to turn off service for nonpayment of account or noncompliant backflow device during regular work hours:	\$ 36.00
Trip to turn on service after turn-off for nonpayment or noncompliant backflow device 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 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; Ord. No. 0070-2021, § 1(Exh. A), 11-15-21; Ord. No. ORD-0081-2023, § 1(Exh. A), 12-4-23)

941.15 PICKUP AND DISPOSAL FEES.

- (a) The Director of Public Service and Engineering shall charge and every household or the owner or tenant of such household shall pay for weekly garbage and rubbish pickup at the following monthly rates:

	Monthly (In USD)
<i>Effective January 1, 2021:</i>	
Curb pickup	\$ 20.17
Carryout service	\$ 40.17
<i>Effective January 1, 2022:</i>	
Curb pickup	\$ 22.07

Carryout service	\$ 47.07
<i>Effective June 1, 2019:</i>	
Recycling Cart Fee	\$ 0.44

- (b) The City of Gahanna adopts the refuse hauler's Low Income and Senior Discount programs and the Director of Public Service and Engineering is authorized to create regulations for administering said programs. So long as the refuse hauler offers the Low Income and Senior Discount Programs, or similar programs, the City of Gahanna may offer the programs to its qualified users.
- (c) In cases other than normal weekly pickup where household pickup is necessary or pursuant to Section 941.12 the Director shall charge, and every household or the owner or tenant of such household shall pay, \$50.00 per one-half hour minimum and a charge of \$100.00 per hour.
- (d) If included as a part of the City of Gahanna's refuse agreement, there may be a fuel price adjustment to the base rate.
- (e) The Director of Public Service and Engineering shall charge the following one-time fees for additional recycling containers requested by residents, or for the replacement of recycling containers that need replaced for reasons unrelated to normal use in addition to the monthly recycling cart fee listed above in 941.15 (a):

Recycling Cart Size	Purchase/Replacement Fee
32 gallon	\$ 57.65
64 gallon	\$ 45.02

Please note that the cart remains the property of the City of Gahanna and shall remain at the assigned residence unless removed by the City. Should the cart be removed by anyone other than the City, the replacement cost of the cart will be billed to the property owner.

(Ord. 0160-2014. Passed 11-17-14; Ord. No. 0096-2018, § 1(Exh. A), 12-3-18; Ord. No. 0033-2019, § 1(Exh. A), 4-15-19; Ord. No. 0109-2019, § 1(Exh. A), 11-18-19; Ord. No. 112-2020, § 1(Exh. A), 11-17-20; Ord. No. 0071-2021, § 1(Exh. A), 11-15-21)