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CITY OF PATASKALA

ORDINANCE 2022-4435

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA, THEREBY INCREASING THE SANITARY SEWER FLAT RATE, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, pursuant Charter Section 3.01(A)(7), Council for the City of Pataskala has the legislative power to establish the rates or charges made of customers of all municipal utilities and services; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, while sewer rates have increased slightly (seven times), the sanitary sewer flat rate did not; and

WHEREAS, after carefully studying the issue, the Utility Director determined it is necessary to increase the sanitary sewer flat rate so that the flat rate is commensurate with the rest of the customer base; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this goal, the Utility Director created a three-year, phased in approach in order to help minimize the impact of this increase on customers' monthly budgets; and

WHEREAS, the sanitary sewer service flat rate shall be based upon 5,000 gallons of usage per month at the rate structure defined herein, as provided by the regulations of the Department of Utility Services; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala now wants to implement and enact the Utility Director's approach and amend Section 929.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: Section 929.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala is hereby amended to read as follows:

929.07 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE RATES.

- (a) Monthly Rate Per Thousand Gallons.

The monthly rates to be charged per thousand gallons for sanitary sewer service for residential and

commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area shall be as follows:

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
Year	Sewer	Sewer
2016	\$7.65	\$11.48
2020	\$8.26	\$12.40
2022	\$8.92	\$13.39
2024	\$9.63	\$14.46

A minimum bill based on 3,000 gallons will be charged for monthly usage between 0 to 3,000 gallons.

In addition, a monthly Capital Improvements rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage will be charged for sanitary sewer service for residential and commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area.

(b) Monthly Rate per Flat Fee

The use of the Sewer Flat Rate may be permitted at the sole discretion of the Utility Director. Installation of a water meter to allow for accurate usage readings is preferred. The monthly Sewer Flat Rates to be charged per thousand gallons for sanitary sewer service for residential and commercial customers within the City's Utility Service Area shall be as follows:

	In-Town	Out-Of-Town
Year	<u>Sewer Flat Rate</u>	<u>Sewer Flat Rate</u>
2023	\$4.75	\$12.40
2024	\$7.19	\$13.39
2025	\$9.63	\$14.46

Sewer Flat Rate bills will be based on 5,000 gallons usage and will be charged monthly at the current Sewer Flat Rate.

In addition, monthly Capital Improvements rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage will be charged for sanitary sewer service for residential and commercial customers.

Section 2: All other sections and sub-section of Chapter 929 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala shall remain unchanged, in effect, and enforceable.

Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Brian M. Zets, Law Director