

ORDINANCE NO. 21-_____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN RATES AND ORDINANCES RELATING TO
WATER AND SEWER FEES AND UTILITIES BILLING**

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend certain ordinances and rates regarding the Water and Sewer fees and the billing of utility fees; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Committee met on October 28, 2020 November 4, 2020 and January 7, 2021, and recommended amending certain Ordinances and rates in accordance with the attached Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the Utilities Committee met on October 28, 2020 November 4, 2020 and January 7, 2021, and recommended amending the billing frequency for utilities from quarterly to monthly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Greenville, Darke County, and State of Ohio, as follows:

SECTION I: Water rates for the City of Greenville will increase 50% effective May 1, 2021. Additionally, water rates will increase another 18% on November 1, 2021. In accordance with the rate sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION II: Sewer rates for the City of Greenville will increase 25% effective May 1, 2021. Additionally, water rates will increase another 10% on November 1, 2021. In accordance with the rate sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION III: Certain ordinances and shall be amended in accordance with the attached Exhibit B to allow for monthly billing.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance is declared to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period permitted by law.

PASSED THIS _____ day of _____, 2021.

_____, President of Council

ATTEST:

_____, Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2021.

_____, Mayor

Exhibit B

CODIFIED 1042.01

(a) All meters shall be read quarterly. All bills shall be payable within fifteen calendar days after the bill is rendered. If the bill is paid within fifteen calendar days after it is rendered, payment of the net bill, consisting of the charges, shall constitute payment in full. If the bill is not paid within fifteen days after it is rendered, payment of the gross bill, consisting of the charges plus ten percent thereof, shall constitute payment in full.

AMENDED TO:

CODIFIED 1042.01

(a) The billing of all water use, fees, surcharges and penalties shall be done in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation of the Greenville Municipal Water Supply System and billing procedures for the City of Greenville, Ohio.

CODIFIED 1049.14

Storm water charges shall be assessed quarterly. Storm water charges shall be billed on a joint statement with water and sewer charges and shall be payable at the City Utility Office. Bills will be mailed by the first of the month for the previous three-month period. Payment is due by the fifteenth of the month. Late payments will include a 10% penalty. When the fifteenth of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holidays that are observed by the City, payments made on the first business day thereafter shall be collected without penalties. Bills paid by mail must be postmarked by the fifteenth of the month to avoid penalties. Past due notices may be mailed after the fifteenth. If a bill for storm water service remains unpaid by the third day of the following month, water service shall be terminated without further notice. The service shall not be turned on again until the delinquent bill and applicable turn-on charges are paid in full. Partial payments shall not qualify for reinstatement of the water service. Any person, firm corporation or residence having a delinquent storm water account shall not be given any water service at any new location until all delinquent accounts are paid in full.

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Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation of the Greenville Municipal Water Supply System

SECTION 1.10

Meters will be read monthly and as near the same date of the month as possible. If conditions exist so that meter readings are unavailable, then the City reserves the right to make the minimum bill applicable or to bill an estimated amount, at the City's sole discretion, and any adjustment will be made once a new actual reading has been obtained. Meters that cannot be read for three (3) consecutive months may be turned off until the situation is corrected. Bills will be mailed by the first of the month for the previous month period. Payment is due by the 15th of the month. Late payments will include a 10% penalty. Bills paid by mail must be received by the fifteenth of the month to avoid penalties. When the 15th of the month falls on Saturday, Sunday or holidays that are observed by the City of Greenville, payments made on the first business day thereafter shall be collected without penalties. Final notices may be given to those people whose bills are not paid by the 22nd of the month in which they are due. If the bill is not paid by the 3rd of the following month, the service shall be turned off without further notice. The service shall not be turned on again until the delinquent bill and turn-on charge is paid in full. Partial payments shall not qualify for reinstatement of the water service. Any person, firm, corporation or residence having a delinquent account shall not be given any water service at any new location until all delinquent accounts are paid in full.

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Meters will be read quarterly and as near the same date of the month as possible. Certain conditions may hamper meter reading. If this should occur, the City reserves the right to make the minimum bill applicable or to bill an estimated amount, and any adjustment will be made with the next reading. The occupants of the house, apartment, business or industry are responsible to see that the meter reader is permitted access on their regular reading route. Cards may be left for the customer to read their own meters when it is not possible for the meter reader to gain access. Meters that cannot be read for two (2) consecutive quarters may be turned off until the situation is corrected. Bills will be mailed by the first of the month for the previous three-month period. Payment is due by the 15th of the month. Late payments will include a 10% penalty. When the 15th of the month falls on Saturday, Sunday or holidays that are observed by the City of Greenville, payments made on the first business day thereafter shall be collected without penalties. Bills paid by mail must be postmarked by the 15th of the month to avoid penalties. Past due notices may be mailed after the 15th. Final notices are given to those people whose bills are not paid by the 25th of the month in which they are due. If the bill is not paid by the 3rd of the following month, the service shall be turned off without further notice. The service shall not be turned on again until the delinquent bill and turn-on charge is paid in full. Partial payments shall not qualify for reinstatement of the water service. Any person, firm, corporation or residence having a delinquent account shall not be given any water service at any new location until all delinquent accounts are paid in full.

SECTION 1.11

Any person, firm or corporation may discontinue service by proper notice to the Utilities Office. Upon request from a customer who is moving or from the property owner/landlord, the meter will be read; or upon request from the property owner, the service will be turned off. If a turn-off is requested, fees as required in the applicable rate schedule will be charged. A customer may request a change of meter size. The minimum charge on the new replacement meter will be applicable in the following quarter.

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2021 Rates

CITY OF GREENVILLE MONTHLY WATER, SEWER & STORM RATES

WATER CHARGES

Ordinance TBD

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021 BILLING

<u>RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>MINIMUM BILL</u>	<u>5/1/2021</u>	<u>11/1/2021</u>
5/8-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$16.85	\$19.89
3/4-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$27.96	\$33.00
1-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$42.93	\$50.66
1 1/2-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$87.88	\$103.70
2-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$150.60	\$177.71
3-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$330.37	\$389.84
4-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$583.15	\$688.12
6-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$1,294.88	\$1,527.96
8-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$2,310.53	\$2,726.43
Per unit additional above minimum		\$4.41	\$5.21
Bulk Water	1 Gallon	\$0.012	\$0.012

SEWER CHARGES

Ordinance TBD

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021 BILLING

<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>MINIMUM BILL</u>	<u>5/1/2021</u>	<u>11/1/2021</u>
5/8-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$11.40	\$12.54
3/4-inch meter	0 - 8 billing units	\$30.40	\$33.44
1-inch meter	0 - 13 billing units	\$49.40	\$54.34
<u>COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>MINIMUM BILL</u>		
5/8-inch meter	0 - 3 billing units	\$11.40	\$12.54
3/4-inch meter	0 - 14 billing units	\$53.20	\$58.52
1-inch meter	0 - 24 billing units	\$91.20	\$100.32
1 1/2-inch meter	0 - 54 billing units	\$205.20	\$225.72
2-inch meter	0 - 123 billing units	\$467.40	\$514.14
3-inch meter	0 - 269 billing units	\$1,022.20	\$1,124.42
4-inch meter	0 - 478 billing units	\$1,816.40	\$1,998.04
6-inch meter	0 - 896 billing units	\$3,404.80	\$3,745.28
8-inch meter	0 - 1626 billing units	\$6,178.80	\$6,796.68
Per unit price		\$3.80	\$4.18

1 cu. ft. = 7.5 gal.
 10 cu. ft. = 75 gal.
 100 cu. ft. = 750 gal.
 100 cu. ft. = 1 billing unit

STORM CHARGES

Ordinance TBD

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021 BILLING

<u>MINIMUM BILL</u>	<u>5/1/2021</u>	<u>11/1/2021</u>
Equivalent Residential Unit/month (ERU/mo.)	\$2.95	\$2.95

<u>RESIDENTIAL TOTAL MINIMUM BILL</u>	<u>5/1/2021</u>	<u>11/1/2021</u>
	\$31.20	\$35.38

<u>RESIDENTIAL TOTAL AVERAGE BILL</u>	<u>5/1/2021</u>	<u>11/1/2021</u>
	\$39.41	\$44.77

COMPARISON OF WATER/SEWER/STORM RATES

Arcanum charges a residence **\$199.85** for the same amount of usage/service that Greenville charges \$72.95.

New Madison charges a resident **\$231.00** for the same amount of usage/service that Greenville charges \$72.95.

Versailles charges a residence **\$130.42** for the same usage/service that Greenville charges \$64.10, they do not have a storm fee.

Union City IN charges a residence **\$224.26** for the same usage/service that Greenville charges \$72.95.

Ansonia charges a residence **\$189.00**, (quarterly) they do not have any meters, this is an unlimited amount of water, no storm fee. Monthly water fee is \$31.00 and monthly sewer fee is \$32.00.

COMPARISON OF MINIMUM BILLS

Greenville's **QUARTERLY** is **\$72.95** for water/sewer/storm, this provides 1000 cu. ft. or 7,500 gallons per 90 days. Water \$33.70, sewer \$30.40 storm \$8.85.

Arcanum's **MONTHLY** is **\$66.15** for water/sewer/storm, this provides 167 cu. ft. use per month. They have flat fees of \$22.00 towards sewer debt/monthly. Water \$14.39, sewer \$26.76, storm \$3.00.

New Madison's **MONTHLY** is **\$75.00** for water/sewer/storm, this provides 2000 gallons use per month. Their \$27.00 monthly water rate includes \$4.00 going into a future projects fund. Water \$27.00, sewer \$45.00, storm \$3.00.

Versailles' **QUARTERLY** is **\$76.16** for water/sewer, this provides 300 cu. ft. per quarter. Water \$37.18, sewer \$38.98. Charge per 100 cu. ft. over is \$4.15 water and \$3.60 sewer.

Union City, IN **MONTHLY** is **\$73.00** for water/sewer/storm for 3 units. They did not break down charges for water/sewer. Storm is \$3.10/monthly.

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