

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. O2020-31

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 4C OF THE CITY
CODE WITH RESPECT TO WATER AND SEWER CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the City of Warrenville has previously adopted water and sewer charges and billing for use of the City's wastewater system, which charges are codified in Article C of Title 7, Chapter 4 of the Warrenville City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe and hereby declare that an increase in said charges is warranted due to increased costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENVILLE, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing recitals shall be, and they are hereby, incorporated within this Section One as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: Subsections A and B of Title 7, Chapter 4, Article C, Section 7-4C-2 of the City Code of the City of Warrenville, which relate to water charges within the City, shall be and are hereby amended in their entirety so that said Subsections 7-4C-2.A and 7-4C-2.B shall hereafter be and read as follows:

7-4C-2: **WATER CHARGES AND BILLING:**

A. Bimonthly Demand and Customer Charge:

(1) Bimonthly Charge as of September 1, 2020

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Nonresidential</u>
3/4" or less	\$ 11.59	\$ 14.51
1"		29.02
1½ "		46.42
2"		72.51
3"		127.64
4"		208.87

B. Commodity Charge: (1) Effective September 1, 2020, the water commodity charge shall be one dollar and seventy-nine cents (\$1.79) per thousand gallons or increment thereof.

SECTION THREE: Subsections A and B of Section 7-4C-4 of Title 7, Chapter 4, Article C of the Warrenville City Code shall be and are hereby amended in its entirety so that said Subsections 7-4C-4.A and 7-4C-4.B shall hereafter be and read as follows:

7-4C-4: **SEWER CHARGES AND BILLING**

A. Wastewater Service Charges for Customers Served by City Water Systems: The charges for wastewater service to all classes of customers shall be and are hereby fixed as follows:

1. Bimonthly Demand and Customer Charge as of September 1, 2020:

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Bimonthly Charge</u>
3/4" or less	\$27.80
1½ "	31.39
2"	32.35
3"	36.70
4"	42.10

2. Volume Charge as of September 1, 2020: For all customers with metered water service, a wastewater volume charge shall be three dollars and sixty cents (\$3.60) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered or sewage metered per billing period which shall be and is hereby charged.

3. The aforesaid charges shall be applicable on a bimonthly basis, and the charges shall be based upon actual or estimated meter readings. If the customer's meter should malfunction, the City shall eliminate the customer's usage for the billing period during which said malfunction occurred. Such estimate shall be based on the customer's previous usage or on the average usage of similar customers if no personal customer history is available. Employees of the City Department of Public Works shall be allowed by the customer upon the customer's property for the purpose of reading water and sewer meters and the emergency servicing of any water and sewer system.

B. Wastewater Service Charges for Customers Not Served by City Water System:

1. In all cases where a customer is not served by the City water system, effective September 1, 2020, the bimonthly customer and capacity charge shall be thirty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$35.50), and the bimonthly volume charge shall be forty-four dollars and ten cents (\$44.10), for a total bimonthly wastewater service charge of seventy-nine dollars and sixty cents (\$79.60).

2. All commercial, industrial and government/institutional wastewater customers not served by the City water system shall be required to meter their water supply and shall be charged for wastewater service in accordance with subsection A of this section.

SECTION FOUR: Those portions of the City Code that are not expressly amended herein are hereby ratified and affirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FIVE: This ordinance shall take effect as of on September 1, 2020, after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law, and the increased water and sewer charges shall apply to water and sewer service provided on or after that date.

PASSED THIS ____ day of _____, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:


MAYOR

CITY CLERK

KD 032820

CITY OF WARRENVILLE

MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council
Cc: John Coakley, City Administrator
From: Kevin Dahlstrand, Finance Director 
Subject: Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases for FY 2021
Date: August 12, 2020

The Water and Sewer Fund is an Enterprise fund, which is not supported by taxpayer dollars, but is solely supported through user fees charged to the customers of the utilities. The fees charged and collected must support all of the costs associated with the operation of the fund and the related public utilities.

Staff has proposed a water rate increase of ten-percent, which would see the water rate per 1,000 gallons of water consumption increase from \$1.62 to \$1.79, and the bi-monthly residential base charge increase from \$10.54 to \$11.59. Base charges vary by meter size. The proposed increase would result in estimated water revenue of \$56,607 for FY 2021.

Additionally, staff has recommended a sewer rate increase of ten-percent. The proposed sewer rate increase would see the rate per 1,000 gallons of water consumption increase from \$3.27 to \$3.60, and the bi-monthly residential base charge increase from \$25.27 to \$27.80. Base charges vary by meter size. The bi-monthly rate for Sewer Service only customers, would increase from \$72.36 to \$79.60. The proposed sewer rate increases would result in estimated sewer sales revenue of \$105,615 for FY 2021.

It is estimated that it would cost a four person household an additional \$93.48 per year, as a result of the proposed rate increases, while a sewer only customer would see an increase of \$43.44 per year.

The rate increases proposed in the FY 2021 budget will provide on-going funding for the water and sewer fund, while staff and elected officials continue to reassess the Enterprise Maintenance and Replacement Plan (EMRP) which was first adopted in 2015. The original EMRP did not establish a long-term water and sewer rate structure plan, and also did not include significant expenditures which have arisen since the plan was adopted, such as the In-flow and Infiltration (I&I) program, which will be an ongoing program and expense.

Included with this memo as back-up documentation are the following:

- 1) Table entitled “*Estimated Bi-Monthly Water and Sewer Utility Bills Based on Recommended Rate Adjustments Effective September 1, 2020*”
- 2) *Comparative Water and Sewer Rates table (as requested by Public Works and Infrastructure Committee)*
- 3) *Draft Ordinance O2020-31*

Council Action Requested: Accept Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommendation, waive second reading and approved ordinance O2020-31 authorizing a ten-percent water rate increase and a ten-percent sewer rate increase effective September 1, 2020.

Staff Recommendation: City Administrator Coakley, Finance Director Dahlstrand and Deputy Public Works Director Kuchler recommend this action.

Budgetary Impact: \$162,222 combined FY 2021 water and sewer sales revenue within the Water and Sewer Fund (Fund 20/020 in D365).

Other Resources Required: Staff time to update the rate change tables within the Utility Billing system, and to communicate rate changes to the users.

COMPARATIVE WATER and SEWER RATES

INFORMATION SOURCE: DMMC ANNUAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATES and REVENUES SURVEY 2018-2019

December 12, 2019

<u>DMMC Information</u>					Estimated Bi-Monthly 24,000	Comparative Rank 1=Low to 15=High
Municipality	Bi-Monthly Water *		Bi-Monthly Sewer *			
	Base		Base			
Addison	\$ 9.15		\$ 6.68		\$ 379.92	13
Carol Stream	\$ 7.75		\$ 4.22		\$ 287.28	9
Downers Grove	\$ 8.09	\$ 12.59	\$ -		\$ 206.75	2
Glen Ellyn	\$ 9.93		\$ 7.18	\$ 7.18	\$ 417.82	14
Lombard	\$ 8.46	\$ 4.88	\$ 6.44	\$ 4.88	\$ 367.36	12
Oakbrook	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ -		\$ 260.00	7
Roselle	\$ 8.05		\$ 6.00		\$ 337.20	11
Villa Park	\$ 9.01	\$ 9.48	\$ 3.57		\$ 311.40	10
Warrenville Current	\$ 1.62	\$ 10.54	\$ 3.27	\$ 25.27	\$ 153.17	1
West Chicago	\$ 3.88		\$ 5.61		\$ 227.76	5
Wheaton	\$ 6.75		\$ 2.67		\$ 226.08	4
Willowbrook	\$ 9.67				\$ 232.08	6
(Also has a 5% water tax)						
Winfield	\$ 12.25		\$ 8.33		\$ 493.92	15
Wood Dale	\$ 10.93	\$ 3.06			\$ 265.38	8
Woodridge	\$ 8.18		\$ 0.90		\$ 217.92	3
Warrenville Proposed	\$ 1.79	\$ 11.59	\$ 3.60	\$ 27.80	\$ 168.75	
* per 1,000/gal - residential consumption						

Prepared by: Finance Director Dahlstrand

H:\Analysis\UB\Water and Sewer Rate Increases-050120\Rate Comparison Data by Municipality-081720.xls\Comparative Rates