

ORDINANCE NO. 10-12

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING VARIOUS FEES APPLICABLE TO THE PROVISION OF
CERTAIN WATER/SEWER SERVICES BEING PROVIDED BY
THE VILLAGE OF COVINGTON

WHEREAS, the Village provides, water and sewer, services in the village, and limited water and sewer services outside the Village (herein "Utility Services); and

WHEREAS, a number of utility service clients pay these fees with credit cards and/or debit cards resulting in the Village incurring transactional fees; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to update and standardize fees applicable to the provisions of certain Utility Services being provided by the Village; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance updates the various fees with regard to billing and collection of payment for the various fees as they relate to the village providing the various Utility Services;
NOW, THEREFORE, Covington, Ohio:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Covington Ohio That;

SECTION ONE: Definitions

“Normal Sewage” means sewage which when analyzed shows by weight a daily average of not more than 350 milligrams per liter of suspended solids and not more than 300 milligrams per liter of biochemical oxygen demand.

“Suspended Solids” means solids that either float on the surface of or are in suspension in water, sewage or other liquids which are removable by laboratory filtering.

“BOD” (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) means the quantity of Oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter, under standard laboratory procedure, in five days at 2 degrees centigrade, expressed in parts per million (mg/l) by weight.

“Unit” For the purpose of this ordinance, each separate space containing plumbing for water and sewer and capable of being occupied by a separate tenant; equipped with an outside entrance and separated from other parts of a structure will be considered a separate unit. Each unit will be charged a separate monthly capital charge and meter maintenance fee.

“Meter Maintenance Fee” means a monthly fee charged to each unit utilized by the village to perform maintenance on, replace and upgrade water meters and the associated meter reading system.

SECTION TWO: Monthly water and sewer charges

The period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013, water and sewer rates will be the following;

Water Rates

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$20.50

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$ 46.00

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$ 105.50

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$ 139.50

Water meter monthly maintenance fee per unit \$4.00

Water monthly usage fee \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$2.67

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$2.67 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 5.00

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 30.00

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 65.00

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 65.00

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014, utility rates will be the following;

Water Rates

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$21.53

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$48.30

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$110.78

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$146.48

Water meter monthly maintenance per unit fee \$4.20

Water monthly usage fee \$3.09 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons.

Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$2.80

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates

Sewer Monthly Capital Charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 5.25

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 31.50

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 68.25

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 68.25

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$2.84 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, utility rates will be the following;

Water Rates

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$22.60

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$50.72

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$116.31

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$153.80

Water meter monthly maintenance per unit fee \$4.41

Water monthly usage fee \$3.24 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$2.94

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates

Sewer Monthly Capital Charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 5.51

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$33.08

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$71.66

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$71.66

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$2.98 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, utility rates will be the following;

Water Rates

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$23.73

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$53.25

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$122.13

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$161.49

Water meter monthly maintenance per unit fee \$4.63

Water monthly usage fee \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$3.09

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$3.09 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 5.79

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$34.75

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$75.25

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$75.25

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$3.13 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, utility rates will be the following;

Water Rates

Water monthly capital charge for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$24.92

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$55.91

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$128.24

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$169.56

Water meter monthly maintenance per unit fee \$4.86

Water monthly usage fee \$3.57 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$3.25

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 6.08

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$36.47

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$79.01

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$79.01

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The period beginning January 1, 2018, utility rates will be the following;

Water Rates

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$26.16

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$58.71

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$134.65

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$178.04

Water meter monthly maintenance per unit fee \$5.11

Water monthly usage fee \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$3.41

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 6.38

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$38.29

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$82.96

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$82.96

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

SECTION THREE: Sewer sir charges for excessive loading of the system.

For the purpose of this section “normal sewage” shall not exceed a daily average of any of the following strengths.

Suspended Solids.....	350 mg/l
Biochemical Oxygen Demand...(BOD)	300 mg/l
Phosphate.....	20 mg/l
Ammonia as Nitrogen.....	15 mg/l

For the purpose of calculating sir charges the table above indicates the maximum acceptable limits for the listed categories. Any wastewater that exceeds the limits of any category listed in this table is subject to the sir charges listed in this section. The strength of loading will be determined through testing by Village of Covington personnel.

The period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013, the sewer Sir Charge will be calculated using the following formulas;

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 350 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.08/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 300 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.098/\text{lb}$$

The period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014, the sewer Sir Charge will be calculated using the following formulas;

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 350 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.084/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 300 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.103/\text{lb}$$

The period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, the sewer Sir Charge will be calculated using the following formulas;

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 350 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.088/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 300 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.108/\text{lb}$$

The period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, the sewer Sir Charge will be calculated using the following formulas;

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 350 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.093/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 300 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.113/\text{lb}$$

The period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, the sewer Sir Charge will be calculated using the following formulas;

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 350 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.097/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 300 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.119/\text{lb}$$

The period beginning January 1, 2018, the sewer Sir Charge will be calculated using the following formulas;

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 350 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

pounds of excess suspended solids per day X \$0.102/lb

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 300 mg/l will be charged a daily sir charge using the following formula;

pounds of excess BOD per day X \$0.125/lb

All sir charges will be billed on a monthly basis for the previous month and are subject to the terms stated in the policies and procedures for the provision of water and sewer service for the Village of Covington.

In Addition to the sir charges listed for Suspended Solids and Biochemical Oxygen Demand the Village of Covington shall have the right at any time to surcharge any customer for any other reason that it deems necessary and appropriate, such as high rates of discharge.

SECTION FOUR: Service Fees

Water Tap Fees:

Tap fees for 3/4” and 1” water services: \$500.00

Water services larger than 1” will be charged \$500 plus the actual costs incurred by the village to install the water tap for the service, including the cost of the water meter and associated fittings.

Sewer Tap Fees:

Tap fees for 4” and 6” sewer taps \$500.00

Sewer Tap’s larger than 6” will be charged \$500 plus the actual costs incurred by the village to install the sewer tap for the service.

Unmetered Sprinkler Service Fees:

2” - 6” Service	\$3.00 per month.
8” Service	\$4.00 per month.
10” Service	\$5.00 per month.
12” Service	\$6.00 per month.

Utility Services Deposits: \$100.00

Reconnection Fee for Water Service: \$80.00

User Requested Meter Test Fee: \$45.00. This meter test-fee will be waived if the meter is found to be less than 95% accurate.

Bad Check Charge Fee: \$30.00

Returned ACH Fee : \$30.00

Final Notice delivery fee \$5.00

Credit Card/Debit Card Convenience Fee: 3% of each transaction.

SECTION FIVE: Failure on the part of the Customer to pay fees may result in disruption of Utility Service until such fees are paid to the Village of Covington.

SECTION SIX: Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each separate offense. Each day of failing to comply with any of the provisions herein shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION SEVEN: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION EIGHT: If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision, or any part thereof of this ordinance, shall be finally adjudicated by a Court of competent jurisdiction to being valid the remainder of this ordinance shall be unaffected by such adjudication, and all the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect as though such section, subsection, paragraph, clause, or provision, or any part thereof so adjudicated to be invalid, had not, to the extent of such invalidity, been included herein.

SECTION NINE: This ordinance shall, as of January 1, 2013, supersede and replace any previously existing water/sewer rates, water/sewer service fees, or water/sewer rate ordinances previously approved or passed by the Village of Covington council or it's representatives.

SECTION TEN:

This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2013.

PASSED, this 5th day of November 2012.

Edward McCord, Mayor

ATTEST

Carmen Siefring, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Frank Patrizio, Village Solicitor