

AMENDED  
ORDINANCE NO. 8-19

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 280 milligrams per liter of suspended solids and not more than 220 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, meter maintenance and Water Tower Maintenance fee as specified in Section Two of this ordinance.

“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.

“Water Tower Maintenance Fee” means a monthly fee charged to each unit utilized by the village to perform maintenance on, pay maintenance service contracts, replace, and upgrade elevated storage and water tower facilities.

“Manual Meter Reading Charge” means a monthly charge to a customer that have a manual read meter that requires personnel to drive to the customers location and manually record the meter reading to be used for monthly billing.

## **SECTION TWO: Monthly water and sewer charges**

**The period beginning June 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, water and sewer 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 tower monthly maintenance fee per unit \$ 8.00

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. \$10.63

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 42.54

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 87.21

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 87.21

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

**The period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, utility rates will be the following;**

**Water Rates**

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 26.94

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$ 60.47

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$ 138.68

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$ 183.38

Water tower monthly maintenance per unit fee \$ 8.24

Water monthly usage fee \$ 3.86 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons.

Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$ 3.51

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$ 3.51 per 1,000 gallons.

**Sewer Rates**

Sewer Monthly Capital Charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 10.95

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 43.82

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 89.82

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 89.82

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$ 3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

**The period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, utility rates will be the following;**

**Water Rates**

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 27.75

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$ 62.28

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$ 142.84

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$ 188.88

Water tower monthly maintenance per unit fee \$ 8.49

Water monthly usage fee \$ 3.98 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$ 3.62

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$ 3.62 per 1,000 gallons.

**Sewer Rates**

Sewer Monthly Capital Charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 11.28

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 45.14

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 92.51

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 92.51

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$ 3.66 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

**The period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, utility rates will be the following;**

**Water Rates**

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 28.58

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$ 64.15

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$ 147.13

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$194.55

Water tower monthly maintenance per unit fee \$ 8.74

Water monthly usage fee \$ 4.10 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be \$3.73

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$3.73 per 1,000 gallons.

**Sewer Rates**

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 11.62

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 46.49

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 95.29

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 95.29

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$3.77 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

**The period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, utility rates will be the following;**

**Water Rates**

Water monthly capital charge for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 29.44

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$ 66.07

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$ 151.54

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$ 200.39

Water tower monthly maintenance per unit fee \$ 9.00

Water monthly usage fee \$ 4.22 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be \$3.84

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$3.84 per 1,000 gallons.

**Sewer Rates**

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 11.97

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 47.88

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 98.15

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 98.15

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$3.88 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

**The period beginning January 1, 2024, utility rates will be the following;**

**Water Rates**

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 30.32

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 1" water meters. \$ 68.05

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 2" water meters. \$ 156.09

Water monthly capital charge per unit for 3" water meters. \$ 206.40

Water tower monthly maintenance per unit fee \$ 9.27

Water monthly usage fee \$ 4.35 per 1,000 gallons for the first 6,000 gallons. Water monthly usage from 6,000 gallons and above will be will be \$3.96

Water monthly usage fee for water not being discharged into the sewer system will be charged at \$3.96 per 1,000 gallons.

**Sewer Rates**

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 5/8" or 3/4" water meters. \$ 12.33

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 1" water meters. \$ 49.32

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 2" water meters. \$ 101.09

Sewer monthly capital charge per unit for services with 3" water meters. \$ 101.09

Sewer monthly usage fee based on water meter reading will be \$ 4.00 per 1,000 gallons of water used.



**SECTION THREE: Sewer surcharges 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.....	280 mg/l
Biochemical Oxygen Demand...(BOD) .....	220 mg/l
Phosphate.....	20 mg/l
Ammonia as Nitrogen.....	15 mg/l

For the purpose of calculating surcharges 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 surcharges listed in this section. The strength of loading will be determined through testing by Village of Covington personnel.

**The period beginning June 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, the sewer surcharge will be calculated using the following formulas;**

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 280 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.102/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 220 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.125/\text{lb}$$

**The period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, the sewer surcharge will be calculated using the following formulas;**

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 280 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.105/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 220 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.129/\text{lb}$$

**The period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, the sewer surcharge will be calculated using the following formulas;**

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 280 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

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

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 220 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.133/\text{lb}$$

**The period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, the sewer surcharge will be calculated using the following formulas;**

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 280 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.111/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 220 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.137/\text{lb}$$

**The period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, the sewer surcharge will be calculated using the following formulas;**

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 280 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess suspended solids per day} \times \$0.114/\text{lb}$$

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 220 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

$$\text{pounds of excess BOD per day} \times \$0.141/\text{lb}$$

**The period beginning January 1, 2024, the sewer surcharge will be calculated using the following formulas;**

Customers discharging wastewater with suspended solids exceeding the limit of 280 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

pounds of excess suspended solids per day X \$0.117/lb

Customers discharging wastewater with a Biochemical Oxygen Demand exceeding the limit of 220 mg/l will be charged a daily surcharge using the following formula;

pounds of excess BOD per day X \$0.145/lb

All surcharges 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 surcharges 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: Water / Sewer rates for services outside of the corporation limits.**

Water and sewer rates and fees will be charged at 150% the rates listed in this ordinance for water and/or sewer services outside the corporation limits of the Village of Covington.

**SECTION FIVE: Late Fees.**

A late fee of 10% will be charged on the unpaid monthly balance on the 21<sup>st</sup>. day of each month.

**SECTION SIX: Service Fees**

**Water Tap Fees:**

Tap fees for 3/4" and 1" water services: \$1,000.00

Water services larger than 1" will be charged \$1,000 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 \$1,000.00

Sewer Tap's larger than 6" will be charged \$1,000 plus the actual costs incurred by the village to install the sewer tap for the service.

**Unmetered Building Sprinkler Service Fees:**

2" - 6" Service	\$5.00 per month.
8" Service	\$6.00 per month.
10" Service	\$7.00 per month.
12" Service	\$8.00 per month.

Manual Meter Reading Charge: \$5.00 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 Electronic Transaction (ACH) Fee : \$30.00

Final Notice delivery fee \$10.00

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

Online payments are subject to convenience fees charged and collected by a third-party vender.

**SECTION SEVEN:** 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 EIGHT:** 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 NINE:** 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 TEN:** 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 ELEVEN:** This ordinance shall, as of June 1, 2019, repeal Ordinance 10-12 previously passed on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 and supersede and/or 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 TWELVE:**

This ordinance shall take effect June 1, 2019.

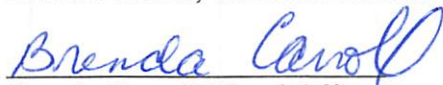
PASSED, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.



Edward L. McCord, Mayor



R Scott Tobias, Council President



Brenda Carroll, Fiscal Officer