

CHAPTER 1

UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES

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9-1-1: **WATER AND SEWER HOOKUP CHARGES:**

- A. Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System: Each new user not heretofore having water or sewer services to his residential or commercial building shall, unless a charge or fee for such hookup has previously been collected by the Village, pay an initial hookup charge of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) payable in advance, for the privilege of connecting said building onto the combined waterworks and sewerage system.
- B. Separate Services: Users who seek only one of said services may pay therefor an initial hookup charge of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) payable in advance. This Subsection does not hereby create any right in any person to connect to the combined waterworks and sewerage system, or any duty upon the Village to provide access to such system where access is not feasible in an engineering manner or is not financially practicable.
(Ord., 05-15-02, 5-14-2002)

9-1-2: **COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES:**

- A. Necessity for Rates and Charges: The Village Board has, by Ordinance, provided for the construction of necessary improvements and extensions to be made to the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the Village and for the issuance of waterworks and sewerage revenue bonds to defray the cost of constructing such improvements and extensions, pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code and all laws

amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto¹. Pursuant to the terms of the Illinois Municipal Code and said Ordinance, it is necessary that the Village charge the inhabitants thereof for the use thereof and for the services supplied thereby, that it establishes rates therefor, and that it provide for the collection thereof. Therefore, the Village Board does hereby establish the provisions of this Section imposing such rates and charges.

- B. Monthly Rates Established: There are hereby established the following rates and charges for the use of, and for the services supplied by, the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the Village, based upon the amount of water consumed, as measured by metering, payable in accordance with the billing procedure of this Chapter:
1. For each user of the combined waterworks and sewerage service, water service only or sewer service only within the corporate limits of the Village, the month charge shall be as follows:
 - a. Users Inside Village: To be set by the Village Board.
 - b. Users Outside Village: In addition, a nonresident surcharge of fifty-percent (50%) of the stated bill shall be added to the rates otherwise charged. A “nonresident” shall mean any user located outside the corporate limits of the Village. (Ord., 8-13-1996)
 - c. Special Flat Rates:
 1. In cases in which the character of sewerage from any industrial plant, building or premises shall be such as to impose a burden upon the Village sewerage system in addition to that imposed by the average sewerage entering into said system, or in cases in which a private water supply is used and returned to the Village sewerage system, then the Board may enter into separate contracts with such industrial plant, building or premises or such private water supply user. All such contracts must be in compliance with Village, State and EPA regulation requirements. (Ord., 8-13-1996)

¹ 65 ILCS.

9-1-3: **GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE:** The owner of each residential residential unit in the Village shall pay a garbage collection set fee by the Village Board, in accordance with the billing procedure stated in this Chapter. (Ord., 8-13-1996, amd. Ord. 99-1, 6-8-1999; 2002 Code, amd. 7-8-2008)

9-1-4: **LIABILITY FOR SERVICES:** The owner of the premises shall be liable to pay for the service to such premises and such services are furnished to said premises by the Village only upon the condition that the owner is liable therefor to the Village. (Ord., 8-13-1996)

9-1-5: **BILLS FOR SERVICE; DELINQUENCIES:**

A. Rendition and Collection of Bills:

1. All bills for garbage, water and sewer service shall be rendered as of the first day of each month and shall be paid within sixteen (16) days. If said bills are not paid by the 16th day, then a ten-percent (10%) late fee shall be assessed and the Village Clerk shall then issue a missed payment letter to the non-payer.
2. If the non-payer does not pay within fourteen (14) days after the first late notice then the Village Clerk shall issue a second letter to the non-payer, which shall contain a notice.
3. If the non-payer still does not pay the bill(s) after two (2) weeks after receiving the second letter, then the Village Clerk shall cause the person's water and/or sewer service to be disconnected immediately and shall cause a delinquency lien to be recorded on the registered property in the Jo Daviess County Recorder's Office.
4. Ordinance No. 2013-0213- Home owners will be charged \$25.00 when being served a shut-off notice.
5. In order for the non-payer to obtain any future services, the bill including, all late fees and interest shall be paid in full and the person shall pay a reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

9-1-6: **REVENUES AND ACCOUNTS:**

- A. All revenue derived from the garbage collection fees, combined waterworks and sewerage service, water service only or sewer service only, within the corporate limits of the Village or by such persons as the Village allows to hook on to tis system or provide garbage service shall be held in separate accounts by the Village Treasurer or such other person or entity designated by the Village Board, and the designated person shall administer the funds in every respect in the manner provided by the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto¹. (Ord., 8-13-1996;amd. 2002 Code)
- B. The Village Treasurer or other party designated thereby shall keep a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper books, records and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the combined waterworks and sewerage system and garbage systems. (Ord., 8-13-1996)

9-1-7: **NOTICE TO OWNERS:** A copy of Sections 9-1-4, 9-1-5 and 9-1-6 of this Chapter, properly certified by the Village Clerk, shall be filed in the office of the Recorder of Jo Daviess County, and it shall be deemed notice to all owners of real estate in the Village of their liability for services supplied to any user of the garbage collection service and the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the Village, as stated in this Chapter. (Ord., 8-13-1996; amd. 2002 Code)

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