

ORDINANCE NO.

2020-0617

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE NUMBER 9-3A-2 THE VILLAGE OF WATER USE AND SERVICE ORDINANCE.**

WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS, THAT AN ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED;

WHEREAS, The Village Board intends to approve an ordinance which amends language in Chapter 9, Water Use and Service, Section 9-3A-2: Basis for Water Service Charges: shall currently reads as follows:

**BASIS FOR WATER SERVICE CHARGES:** The water service charge for the use and for service supplied by the water facilities of the Village shall consist of a basic user charge, a debt service charge, and a capital improvement charge.

A. Basic User Charge:

1. The basic user charge is levied on all users to recover the operation, maintenance plus replacement (OM&R) costs and shall be based on water usage as recorded by water meters.
2. The basic user charge shall be computed as follows: a. Estimate the annual water volume. b. Estimate the projected annual revenue required to operate and maintain the water facilities, including a replacement fund for the year, for all works categories. c. Compute costs per one thousand (1,000) gallons.
3. The volume of flow used for computing basic user charges shall be the metered water consumption red to the lowest even increments of one hundred (100) gallons.

B. Debt Service Charge: The debt service charge is computed by apportioning the annual debt services as a fixed charge per billing period.

C. Capital Improvement Charge: The capital improvement charge is levied on users to provide for capital improvements, extensions or reconstruction of the waterworks. The capital improvement charge is computed by apportioning the annual amount to be accrued as a fixed charge per billing period. (Ord. 05-15-02, 5-14-2002)

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED that the Village of Elizabeth approves an ordinance which states to add language to Chapter 9, Water Use and Service, Section 9-3-4 (D), Water Meters so that it shall read as follows:

D. A. Basic User Charge:

1. The basic user charge is levied on all users to recover the operation, maintenance plus replacement (OM&R) costs and shall be based on water usage as recorded by water meters.
2. The basic user charge shall be computed as follows: a. Estimate the annual water volume. b. Estimate the projected annual revenue required to operate and maintain the water facilities, including a replacement fund for the year, for all works categories. c. Compute costs per one thousand (1,000) gallons.
3. The volume of flow used for computing basic user charges shall be the metered water consumption red to the lowest even increments of one hundred (100) gallons.

B. Debt Service Charge: The debt service charge is computed by apportioning the annual debt services as a fixed charge per billing period.

C. Capital Improvement Charge: The capital improvement charge is levied on users to provide for capital improvements, extensions or reconstruction of the waterworks. The capital improvement charge is computed by apportioning the annual amount to be accrued as a fixed charge per billing period. (Ord. 05-15-02, 5-14-2002)

D. Vacant Lot Charges: The user charge for an owner(s) of a vacant lot are for the minimum water fee and infrastructure fee *as long as sewer lines have been capped*. \*see below for proper sewer line disconnection\* If the owner(s) wishes to stop paying the monthly water fee, they (at their expense) can disconnect the water lines from the corporate valve at the

main, remove the tubing from the corporate valve and turn the corporate valve to the off position. The owner is responsible for all aspects of the disconnection. Inspection by an authorized Village representative is required before it's covered. Once it is determined that the water lines have been properly disconnected, the Village will stop billing for water service.

\*Proper Sewer Disconnection procedures: Sewer lines must be disconnected properly before monthly billing of water and infrastructure fees can be waived. The sewer lines must be disconnected from the sanitary main. Once done the hole needs to be covered. This should be done using a rubber wrap or a rubber fernco with PVC pipe and glued cap to ensure no foreign material enters our sanitary main. Concrete may be needed to ensure the cap doesn't move over time. This would be at the owner(s) expense. Once this is done the Village must inspect the work. Trenches must be filled with clean stone at the owners' expense if on a roadway or with native material if it's not a on a street.

WHEREAS, The Village Board intends to approve an ordinance amending the Water Use and Service Ordinance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED that the Village of Elizabeth approves an ordinance Water Use and Service Ordinance.

All other terms and provisions of the original ordinance shall remain the same.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

YES VOTES:

- Glew
- Landwer
- Thomasson
- Taylor
- Anderson
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