

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1134**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL GOVERNING THE SEWER RATES REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1113**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Village of Pleasant Hill to have a uniform policy regarding the distribution and billing of the sewer service in and outside the Village and;

**WHEREAS**, the rates structure for Sewer are defined for residents of the Village of Pleasant Hill and commercial haulers, and the non-residents of the Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO WITH A MAJORITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRING:

**SECTION ONE:** That there is levied and assessed upon each lot, parcel of land or premises having any active connection with the sewer system of the Village a bi-monthly minimum charge determinable and payable as provided in this Ordinance. The owner shall be responsible for payment of the Sewer and Sewer Line, Sewer Plant and Capital Improvement Fees bills.

**SECTION TWO:** Sewer Rates. That the bi-monthly charge imposed for sewer furnished by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio within the incorporated areas shall be fixed as follows:

| <u>Gallons</u>                                      | <u>Rates</u>            |
|---|-------------------------|
| 0 to 2,000 Gallons                                  | \$26.00 minimum         |
| Over 2,000 Gallons                                  | \$4.10 per 1000 Gallons |
| Sewer Line, Sewer Plant,<br>and Capital Improvement | \$22.00 per billing     |

Sewer usage is calculated from the water usage as determined from the water meter. If a water meter reading is not available an estimated bill will be calculated.

**SECTION THREE:** Non-resident surcharge. That the bi-monthly rates for water furnished by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio to all unincorporated areas shall be one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the rate as set forth in SECTION TWO.

**SECTION FOUR:** Village Utilities Charges and Collections. Bi-monthly utility bills are due and payable by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the respective month. Outstanding balances, not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the respective month are subject to 20% penalties. Services will be disconnected if utility bills are not paid within seven (7) calendar days after due date. Upon default, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administrative fee will be charged to reinstate service.

**SECTION FIVE: Minimum Billing.** This section will allow for minimum bills to the utility customers of the Village of Pleasant Hill. A minimum bill will consist of the minimum sewer rate, Sewer Capital Improvement fee. If a utility customer requests, they can apply to have their Utilities disconnected and only be charged for the Sewer Capital improvement fees. Utilities will be disconnected at the curb valve or similar valve prior to the meter. The administrative fee as outlined in SECTION FOUR will apply.

**SECTION SIX: Estimated Bills.** If an actual water reading is unavailable the Utility Billing Clerk will use the following to determine the amount due to the Village:

- a. Using the historical data from the same utility customer over four billing periods, an average using the first three periods will be used to determine the amount due. The latest or fourth period will not be factored.
- b. If four billing periods are not available, the bill will be one hundred ten percent (110%) of a minimum bill as described in SECTION FIVE.
- c. Estimated billing will include the one hundred fifty percent (150%) surcharge to unincorporated utility customers as described in SECTION FOUR.

**SECTION SEVEN: Prorating the utility billing:** Final utility bills and new utility accounts with more or less than standard days of service will be pro-rated.

**SECTION EIGHT:** That there are instances in the Village of Pleasant Hill where residents have a need to use a large quantity of water, such as filling of swimming pools, maintaining newly seeded or sodded lawns so as to ensure the establishment of the new lawn and other instances as so determined by the Village of Pleasant Hill Village Council. It is expected that such usage of water will not impact the sewage system. Therefore, the following rules have been established so as not to unduly charge residents additional sewage usage:

- a. Residents wishing to fill swimming pools must contact the Village Office before filling their pool and provide the number of gallons to be used. The Village will credit the next Utility Billing based on the following table:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 0 to 4,000 gallons      | no credit           |
| 4,001 to 8,000 gallons  | a credit of \$12.00 |
| 8,001 gallons or higher | a credit of \$25.00 |

- b. Residents wishing to water their lawns for the purpose of establishing new lawns or the reconstruction of damaged lawns by means of seed or sod shall contact the Village Service Superintendent to allow the Village to determine the square footage of the area to be watered. The Village will credit the next Utility Billing based on the following table:

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1,000 to 5,000 square feet   | a credit of \$ 5.00 |
| 5,001 to 10,000 square feet  | a credit of \$15.00 |
| 10,001 or higher square feet | a credit of \$25.00 |


**SECTION NINE:** That this Ordinance shall be construed to be consistent with all other procedures, rights, regulations, standards, and guidelines set out in Ordinance No. 1138, An Ordinance Establishing the Policies and Procedures for The Provision of Utilities Service by the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

**SECTION TEN:** Previous ordinances setting rates for sewer usage are hereby declared void and of no effect after the effective date of this Ordinance.

**SECTION ELEVEN:** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, void, illegal, or contrary to law, that affected portion shall be severed from said Ordinance; and if possible, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be construed to best carry out the intentions expressed in this Ordinance.

PASSED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

Approved as to Form

  
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Paul Wagner  
Village Solicitor

  
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Judith F. Barga, Mayor

  
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Alisa Weber, Fiscal Officer