

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1160

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL GOVERNING THE SEWER RATES REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1134

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 rate structure for Sewer is 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 its members elected or appointed 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 charge determinable and payable as provided in this Ordinance. In addition, the Owner shall be responsible for payment of the Sewer Capital Improvement Fees.

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 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 Capital Improvement	\$24.00 per billing

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

SECTION THREE: Multi-unit dwellings. Multi-unit dwellings with a single water meter will pay the minimum sewer rate for each unit plus the standard bill for total gallons used. Multi-unit dwellings which have provided separate meters for each unit will be charged the same rate per unit as single residence dwellings.

SECTION FOUR: Non-resident surcharge. That the bi-monthly rates for sewer 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 FIVE: Minimum Billing. A minimum bill will consist of the minimum sewer rate and 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 SEVEN 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 the 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: Utilities Charges and Collections. Bi-monthly utility bills are due and payable by the 20th day of January, March, May, July, September and November. Outstanding balances not paid by the 20th 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 the due date. Upon default, a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administrative fee will be charged to reinstate service.

SECTION EIGHT: 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 NINE: Village Council recognizes there are instances where Residents have a need to use a large quantity of water, such as filling of swimming pools, maintaining newly seeded or sodded lawns to ensure the establishment of the new lawn and other instances as so determined by the Village Council and it is expected that such usage of water will not impact the sewage system. 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:

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

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


SECTION TWELVE: 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 11th day of February 2025


Brenda Carroll, Mayor


Jamie Gregorovic, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Form


Andrew Wannemacher
Village Solicitor