

CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO
Ordinance

NO. 26-061

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 22-035 AND
24-013 TO ADJUST THE SEWAGE RATES CHARGED BY THE
CITY FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.***

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2022, Council passed Ordinance No. 22-035 amending the sewer rates as follows:

Section 1: For the purposes provided in this Ordinance there is levied and charged upon each lot, parcel of land, or premises having an active connection with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system, sewer charges, payable herein provided and in the amounts to be determined as follows:

\$4.50 per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2022).

\$5.00 per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective January 1, 2024).

\$5.50 per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective January 1, 2026).

Any premises located outside the City Limits, which must be served by system shall be governed by rates established by contract and approved by the Council of the City of Structures (sic).

In addition, for purposes provided in this Ordinance, there is a Debt Service Charge levied upon each lot, parcel of land, or premises having an active connection with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system. The debt service charge is fixed herein and is as follows:

Debt Service Charge effective JUNE 1, 2022 - \$4.50 per month.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 24-013 amending subsections 933.28(b) and (c) of the Struthers Codified Ordinances to read as follows:

(b) For the purposes provided in this chapter, sewer charges, payable at the following amounts, shall be levied and charged upon each lot, parcel, or premises located within the municipal corporation and having active connection to and with the City's sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system:

(1) Five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2024).

(2) Six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2025).

(3) Seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2026).

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(4) Seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2027).

(c) In addition to the rates established by subsection (b), effective June 1, 2024, a debt service charge of \$5.00 per month shall be levied and charged upon each lot, parcel, or premises located within the municipal corporation and having an active connection to and with the City's sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 24-013 further provided that the amendments to subsections (b) and (c) of § 933.28 of the Struthers Codified Ordinances were to take effect on June 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2026, Council passed Ordinance No. 26-010 amending subsections 933.28(b) and (c) of the Struthers Codified Ordinances to read as follows:

(b) For the purposes provided in this chapter, sewer charges, payable at the following amounts, shall be levied and charged upon each lot, parcel, or premises located within the municipal corporation and having active connection to and with the City's sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system:

(1) Five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective January 1, 2025).

(2) Six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2025).

(3) Seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2026).

(4) Seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective June 1, 2027).

(c) In addition to the rates established by subsection (b), effective June 1, 2025, a debt service charge of \$5.00 per month shall be levied and charged upon each lot, parcel, or premises located within the municipal corporation and having an active connection to and with the City's sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 26-010 further provided that the amendments to subsections (b) and (c) of § 933.28 of the Struthers Codified Ordinances were to take effect on January 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, during a recent audit by the State Auditor, it was discovered that, despite the passage of Ordinance Nos. 22-035 and 24-013, the City charged rates during the entirety of 2024 at \$4.50 per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month.

WHEREAS, Council has decided not to retroactively charge customers the rates established by Ordinance Nos. 22-035 and 24-013 from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and to leave the rates at 4.50 per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month during said period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, ³/₄'s of all members elected thereto concurring:

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SECTION 1: Ordinance Nos. 22-035 and 24-013 are hereby amended to provide as follows:

For the purposes provided in this chapter, sewer charges, payable at the following amounts, shall be levied and charged upon each lot, parcel, or premises located within the municipal corporation and having active connection to and with the City's sewage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system:

Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water used per month (effective January 1, 2024).

SECTION 2: This Ordinance only amends the rate from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, and shall not otherwise affect the rates established by Council in Ordinance Nos. 22-035, 24-013, and/or 26-010.

SECTION 3: Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: A delay in the effective date of this Ordinance will result in detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the Struthers community at large. Accordingly, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City and shall therefore be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 23rd DAY OF September, 2026.

 Michael S. Patrick
CLERK OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 23rd DAY OF September, 2026.


CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 23rd DAY OF September, 2026.


MAYOR

POSTED ON STRUTHERS CITY WEBSITE & STRUTHERS SOCIAL MEDIA

DATE: September 25, 2026

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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