

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 135

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915.72 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SEWER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY NINE PERCENT (9%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the cost of treating wastewater at the City of Kent wastewater treatment plant has increased; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent needs to increase its charges to the utility customers that generate the wastewater by nine percent (9%) beginning in January, 2023 to cover said cost increases;

WHEREAS, the current rates do not generate sufficient funds to upgrade and maintain the infrastructure as needed; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence, to allow the rate increase to take effect with the first billing cycle in January, 2023.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 915.72 of the Kent Codified Ordinances be amended to reflect a nine percent (9%) increase in wastewater treatment rates as shown in the attached draft, marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, effective for the first billing cycle in January, 2023.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: December 21, 2022
Date



Jack Amrhein
President Pro Tem

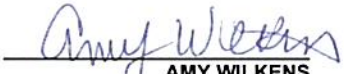
EFFECTIVE: December 21, 2022
Date

ATTEST: 

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2022-135, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON December 21, 2022.

(SEAL)



AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

EXHIBIT "A"

915.72 WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES.

(g) For lots, parcels of land, building or premises using water exclusively supplied by the City, such sewage service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein, as measured by the City water meters installed or approved by the Director and shall be at the rate of ~~sixty dollars and thirty four cents (\$60.34)~~ **sixty five dollars and 77.1 cents (\$65.771)** for each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed that in no event shall such sewage service charge or rental be less than the ~~\$60.34~~ **\$65.771** amount determined by application of the following schedules to each connection with the works which amount is hereby declared to a minimum charge.

(h) Effective for the first billing cycle January ~~2022~~ **2023**:

MINIMUM CHARGE PER MONTH

Water Meter Line Size Charge (inches)	Quantity (cu. Ft.)	Monthly Minimum Charges	
3/4 and 5/8	300	18.12	19.731
1	900	54.31	59.194
1.5	1800	108.62	118.387
2	2400	144.83	157.849
3	3400	205.17	223.620
4	4500	271.56	295.968
6	9000	543.12	591.935
8	15000	905.17	986.559
10	22500	1357.79	1479.991
12	36000	2172.41	2367.927

(i) Thereafter, the rates for processing sewage will increase as follows:

- (1) The sewer rate billing in ~~2022~~ **2023** will increase by ~~three percent (3%)~~ **Nine percent (9%)**;
- (2) The sewer rate billing in ~~2021~~ **2022** and every year thereafter, will increase by three percent (3%);
- (3) City Council reserves the right to review these increases annually during the capital budget review.