

ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 22

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Fredericktown is responsible for the distribution of water from the Fredericktown water system, and the collection of sufficient revenues for the proper maintenance of water systems; and,

WHEREAS, because of additional expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the present system and projected revenues are insufficient to meet planned future debt service fees of the water treatment plant and to meet increasing operational expenses, it is necessary that the water rates be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio, that the prices to be charged for water are as follows:

Section 1. That beginning December 16, 2013, the rate to be paid by customers of the Water Department, Village of Fredericktown shall be as follows:

A. Billing Cycle. Water will be billed upon a monthly cycle.

B. Water Service Availability Charge (WSAC) This service charge shall apply to all customers having access to the Village water utility. This service charge shall include no water. The W.S.A.C. for all meter sizes shall change when there is an increase in the block rate schedule and shall reflect the same amount of percent increase. Each meter size is assigned a capacity factor based on the American Water Works Association's maximum flow criteria. This factor is then multiplied by the base WSAC charge as listed in **Section 1.1.1**. The meter size and the capacity factors are shown in the following table:

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>CAPACITY FACTOR</u>
5/8" & 3/4"	1.00
1"	2.50
1 1/2"	5.00
2"	8.00
3"	16.75
4"	27.50
6"	56.25
8"	85.00
10"	130.00

C. Minimum Charge Per Billing Period or Part Thereof. The minimum charge per single unit for any billing period or part thereof shall in no event be less than the water service availability charge (WSAC) per billing cycle.

D. Water Available. When the Village's water supply has been available for ninety days to improved lots, with structures, whether connected or not, the minimum charge shall apply and be due and payable each and every billing cycle.

E. Multi-units. The minimum charge for multi-units shall be based on the water service availability charge for a 5/8" - 3/4" meter, times the number of units.

F. Multi-unit Change. A unit change may be granted upon a written request to the Village Administrator, stating the changes that have been made to the multi-units served by the Utility. After an inspection by a representative of the Water and Wastewater Department the Village Administrator will make the decision upon the request for a unit change.

G. Terms of Payment. The rates set forth are net and apply only in the event all accounts for water and wastewater service are paid on or before the date specified on the bill. If not paid, the gross rate shall apply, which is the net rate plus ten percent (10%).

H. Responsibility of Payment of Bills. The property owner of record of the real estate to which water service is furnished shall be responsible for the payment of all water and wastewater bills for such service regardless of when such bills were incurred, irrespective of who incurred such unpaid bills or who occupied the property at the time the bills were incurred. This does not include any bills incurred by a previous owner. All unpaid water bills shall be assessed as a tax lien against the property involved, collectible according to law.

I. Rates for Water Fees.

1. The Base Water Service Availability Charge shall be **\$ 5.60**.
2. Consumption charge for all water consumed shall be: **\$ 3.60** per 500 gallons or any part thereof.
3. The Base Water Service Availability Fee will be applied using the 5/8" x 3/4" inch meter size as the basis. These charges are based upon the fixed costs of Debt Repayment, Administration, Future Capital Improvements and Future Preventive Maintenance to the Plant and System and the costs associated with Billing Water fees and the collection of said fees. These service charges are in addition to the consumption charge listed in **Section 1.I.2.**

J. Consumers outside of corporation limits.

- (1) Consumers outside of the Village's Corporations shall be charged a surcharge of 60%. This figure will be based upon the Base Water Service Availability Fee and the Consumption Charge + 60% of said charges.

K. Direct Sales to Tank Trucks. Direct metered sales from Utility water main will be made to tank trucks; the location, time and hour to be specified by the Water Department. The fee for truck sales shall include a daily set up fee of **\$25.00** plus the consumption charge as specified in **Section 1.I.1.**

I. Fire Protection. For all premises that are required to have a fire system that system will be supplied with water through a dedicated separate fire line from the Village main line to the premises. The consumer shall install at his expense subject to the Village's inspection and approval, all of the required piping system and backflow equipment.

1. All separate fire service lines shall be required to install all backflow equipment in a matter as approved Village's Backflow Coordinator. Fire line backflow equipment (D.C.D.A.) shall be equipped with a by-pass meter that is plumbed to detect any loss or usage of water from the fire system.

2. There will be no charge for water that has been used for firefighting purposes. However there shall be a capacity fee based upon the table below:

Fire Line Feed Size:	Capacity Fee
3 or fewer sprinkler heads	\$0.00
2" or Less & 4 or more sprinkler heads	\$25.00
4"	\$50.00
6"	\$75.00
8"	\$100.00
10"	\$150.00

3. Combination fire and domestic water systems are prohibited by the Village of Fredericktown with the following exception: If the size of the combined lines is to be 2" (inches) in diameter or less and serves three (3) or fewer fire suppression outlets.


4. A fire protection system shall be defined as a separate piping system to which are connected one or more of the following fire protection devices or equipment; including but not limited to fire hose, hydrants, sprinklers, fire or booster pumps, elevated storage tanks or other equipment or devices usually considered as fire protective equipment.

Section 2. That the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Fredericktown be, and he/she herewith is, authorized and directed to render monthly billings, in accordance with and pursuant to the terms, provisions and conditions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. That any and all resolutions, rules and regulations heretofore adopted by the Village of Fredericktown, or parts thereof in conflict with the terms, provisions and conditions of this Ordinance, be, and in the same are herewith repealed.

Section 4. That this Ordinance takes effect and be in full force from and after December 16, 2013.

PASSED 12-16-13


Alan Kintner, Mayor

Attest 
Mary Lou Hannan, Fiscal Officer