

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SANITARY SEWER RATES FOR
CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Fredericktown is responsible for the collection and treatment of wastewater through the Fredericktown wastewater system, and the collection of sufficient revenues for the proper maintenance of the wastewater systems; and,

WHEREAS, because of mandates from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to upgrade the Fredericktown Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet current and future water quality standards and additional expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the present system and projected revenues are sufficient to meet current and anticipated future operational and debt expenses, it is necessary that the sewer service charges be adjusted accordingly.

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

Section 1. 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. All unpaid water bills shall be assessed as a tax lien against the property involved, collectible according to law.

Section 2. Beginning with the February 2026 utility billing through 2030, the sanitary sewer sanitary sewer rate to be paid by metered Village customers shall be as follows:

SEWER RATES FOR CONSUMERS INSIDE VILLAGE LIMITS

| First 1,500 gallons | Each additional 500 gallons |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2026 \$32.32 | \$9.37 |
| 2027 \$32.32 | \$9.37 |
| 2028 \$32.32 | \$9.37 |
| 2029 \$29.09 | \$8.43 |
| 2030 \$23.27 | \$6.74 |

SEWER RATES FOR CONSUMERS OUTSIDE VILLAGE LIMITS

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| 2026 \$51.71 | \$14.97 |
| 2027 \$51.71 | \$14.97 |
| 2028 \$51.71 | \$14.97 |
| 2029 \$46.54 | \$13.48 |
| 2030 \$37.23 | \$10.78 |

Section 3. Usage outside of the Village corporation limits shall reflect a rate surcharge of 60%.

Section 4. Structures located inside Village corporation limit, connected to the Village's sanitary sewer system, with no meter connected to their water system, shall pay a flat fee of \$125.91 per monthly billing period beginning with the February 2026 utility billing. This flat fee will remain the same for the years 2027 and 2028. This flat fee shall decrease by 10% the first billing in 2029, and decrease again by 20% the first billing in 2030.

Section 5. Structures located outside Village limits, connected to the Village's sanitary sewer system, with no meter connected to their water system, shall pay a flat fee of \$201.35 per monthly billing period beginning with the February 2026 utility billing. This flat fee will remain the same for the years 2027 and 2028. This flat fee shall decrease by 10% the first billing in 2029, and decrease again by 20% the first billing in 2030.

Section 6. Sanitary sewer revenues collected shall be used for operations, maintenance, and equipment replacement and repair expenses of the wastewater system.

Section 7. The Fiscal Officer of the Village of Fredericktown is hereby authorized and directed to render monthly billings, in accordance with and pursuant to the terms, provisions and conditions of this Ordinance.

Section 8. 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 9. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on the earliest date as allowed by law.

PASSED: January 5, 2026

Jerry Day
Jerry Day, Mayor

ATTEST: Suzan Gravess
Suzan Gravess, Fiscal Officer