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Ordinance No. 2026-0-8 Passed May 6th, 2026
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VILLAGE COUNCIL OF GREENWICH, OHIO ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-O-08

WATER RATES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1042.02 OF THE GREENWICH CODIFIED MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REVISING THE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE

WHEREAS, Section 715.08 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that any municipal corporation may provide for a supply of water; and

WHEREAS, Section 717.01(G) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that each municipal corporation may construct or acquire waterworks for supplying water to the municipal corporation and its inhabitants and extend the waterworks system outside of the municipal corporation limits; and

WHEREAS, the Village maintains a waterworks system for supplying water to the village and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Greenwich Code Section 232.02(c)(1) requires that the Village Administrator oversees the operations of the Village water system and reads in part:

CHAPTER 232 Administrator

G.C. 232.02 DUTIES. ***

- (c) In addition to the duties set forth in subsections (a) and (b) hereof, the Administrator shall also:
- (1) Water supply and distribution. Oversee the operation, maintenance and repair of the water well field and treatment plant and the water distribution system.

WHEREAS, Section 743.04(A) of the Ohio Revised Code generally states that for the purpose of paying the expenses of conducting and managing the waterworks of a municipal corporation, including operating expenses and the costs of permanent improvements, the municipality may assess and collect a water rent or charge of sufficient amount and in such manner as the municipality determines to be most equitable from all tenements and premises supplied with water; and

WHEREAS, ORC 735.273 also provides that the rates for service and charges for Village owned utilities shall be determined by Village Council. See ORC 735.273, paragraph 3 which reads:

ORC Section 735.273 | Village administrator powers and duties. ***

The rates for service and charges for municipally owned utilities shall be determined by the legislative authority of the village.

WHEREAS, Section 743.02 of the Ohio Revised Code permits the Village to make such bylaws and regulations as deemed necessary for the safe, economical, and efficient management and protection of the water works of a municipal corporation. Such bylaws and regulations shall have the same validity as ordinances when not repugnant thereto or to the constitution or laws of the state; and

WHEREAS, ORC 735.29 also provides in part:

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For the purpose of paying the expenses of conducting and managing such waterworks, plants, and public utilities or of making necessary additions thereto and extensions and repairs thereon, the board may assess a water rent or charge, or a light, power, gas, or utility rent, of sufficient amount, and in such manner as it determines to be most equitable, upon all tenements and premises supplied therewith. When such rents, except water rents and charges, are not paid when due, the board may certify them to the county auditor to be placed on the duplicate and collected as other village taxes, or it may collect them by actions at law in the name of the village.

WHEREAS, Section 743.04 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that past due water charges shall become a lien on property; and

WHEREAS, Village Council determined it necessary to obtain a utility rate study and authorized a contract for the study with **OHM Advisors'** in Res No.: **2025-R-37** passed **October 21, 2025**; and

WHEREAS, OHM Advisors' completed a utility rate study and submitted a **VILLAGE OF GREENWICH 2026 SEWER & WATER RATES STUDY TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM** dated March 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Page 1 of the Utility Rate Study Technical Memorandum indicates that the intent of the Study is to provide comprehensive financial planning with the following objectives:

1. Ensure revenue collections are sufficient to cover the full cost of operations, capital improvements, and debt payments.
2. Ensure revenue collections are sufficient to maintain a reasonable reserve fund balance to protect the financial viability of the system. Typically, for business-type activities, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognizes a reserve of 25-40% of annual operating budgets.
3. Ensure future capital projects are based on technical and needs-based analysis to protect against over-investment and decrease upward pressure on revenue generation.
4. To protect the self-sufficient nature of the Village's sanitary and drinking water systems, by minimizing, to the extent possible, the need for outside sources of revenue to continue funding operations. Therefore, revenues collected from ratepayers shall be sufficient to cover the cost of operations (including normal operations, personnel, capital improvements, debt payments, etc.).
5. Provide a regional analysis showing how rates in the Village of Greenwich compare with regional expectations.

WHEREAS the Utility Rate Study concludes that the Village current utility rate structures for both sewer and water are not sustainable. (See *Rate Study Technical Memorandum, Conclusion, Page 14*); and

WHEREAS, village council provides water rates and charges in Section 1042.02 of the Codified Municipal Code which currently reads:

1042.02 WATER RATES FOR SERVICE AND CHARGES.

(a) The minimum charge for water inside the Village is seventeen dollars and forty-four cents (\$17.44) for the first 2,000 gallons.

(Ord. 900. Passed 8-18-98; Ord. 2010-07. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2013-04. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2020- 11. Passed 12-1-20.)

(b) For water use over 2,000 gallons inside the Village, the charge shall be five dollars and six cents (\$5.06) per 1,000 gallons.

(Res. 7-82A. Passed 8-2-82; Ord. 2010-07. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2020-11. Passed 12-1-20.)

(c) Effective with the October, 1995, billing, all outside users of water supplied by the Village will pay a rate twice that of inside users.

(Res. 95-8. Passed 8-21-95.)

(d) The charge for hauled water is one dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) per 100 gallons.

(Res. 7-82A. Passed 8-2-82; Ord. 2010-07. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2013-04. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2020- 11. Passed 12-1-20; Ord. 2022-03. Passed 3-1-22.)

WHEREAS, the Utility Rate Study proposes two alternatives with the Fiscal Officer recommending Alternative 2 submitted herein.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GREENWICH, STATE OF OHIO: (ORC 731.18)

SECTION 1. That Section 1042.02 of the Codified Municipal Code shall be hereby amended as follows:

1042.02 WATER RATES FOR SERVICE AND CHARGES.

(a) **INSIDE USERS UP TO 2000 GALLONS.** *The minimum charge for water inside the Village is seventeen dollars and forty-four cents (\$17.44) for the first 2,000 gallons. (Ord. 900. Passed 8-18-98; Ord. 2010-07. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2013-04. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2020- 11. Passed 12-1-20.)*

1. **Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall increase 100% to \$34.88.**
2. **Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 15% to \$40.11.**
3. **Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 15% to \$46.13.**
4. **Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 10% to \$50.74.**
5. **Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 3% to \$52.26.**
6. **Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$53.83.**
7. **Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$55.45.**
8. **Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$57.11.**
9. **Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$58.82.**
10. **Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$60.59.**
11. **Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$62.41.**

(b) **INSIDE USERS OVER 2000 GALLONS.** *For water use over 2,000 gallons inside the Village, the charge shall be five dollars and six cents (\$5.06) per 1,000 gallons. (Res. 7-82A. Passed 8-2-82; Ord. 2010-07. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2020-11. Passed 12-1-20.)*

1. **Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall increase 100% to \$10.12.**
2. **Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 15% to \$11.64.**
3. **Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 15% to \$13.38.**
4. **Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 10% to \$14.72.**
5. **Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 3% to \$15.16.**
6. **Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$15.62.**
7. **Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$16.09.**
8. **Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$16.57.**
9. **Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$17.07.**
10. **Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$17.58.**
11. **Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$18.11.**

(c) **OUTSIDE USERS.** *Effective with the October, 1995, billing, all outside users of water supplied by the Village will pay a rate twice that of inside users. (Res. 95-8. Passed 8-21-95.)*

UP TO 2000 GALLONS.

1. **Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall be \$52.32.**
2. **Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 15% to \$60.17.**
3. **Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 15% to \$69.20.**

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4. Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 10% to \$76.11.
5. Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 3% to \$78.39.
6. Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$80.75.
7. Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$83.18.
8. Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$85.67.
9. Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$88.23.
10. Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$90.89.
11. Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$93.62.

OVER 2000 GALLONS

1. Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall be \$15.18.
2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 15% to \$17.46.
3. Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 15% to \$20.07.
4. Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 10% to \$22.08.
5. Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 3% to \$22.74.
6. Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$23.43.
7. Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$24.14.
8. Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$24.86.
9. Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$25.61.
10. Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$26.37.
11. Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$27.17.

(d) HAULED WATER. The charge for hauled water is one dollar and thirty-five cents (\$1.35) per 100 gallons.

(Res. 7-82A. Passed 8-2-82; Ord. 2010-07. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2013-04. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2020- 11. Passed 12-1-20; Ord. 2022-03. Passed 3-1-22.)

1. Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall increase 100% to \$2.70.
2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 15% to \$3.11.
3. Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 15% to \$3.57.
4. Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 10% to \$3.93.
5. Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.05.
6. Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.17.
7. Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.29.
8. Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.42.
9. Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.55.
10. Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.69.
11. Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$4.83.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. That any previous legislation, bylaws or rules, to the extent that there are inconsistent herewith, is hereby rescinded and repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. That the amendments contained herein shall be effective **June 1, 2026.**

SECTION 4. PUBLIC MEETING. It is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this Resolution/Ordinance were adopted in a public meeting open to the public at all times, and that all deliberations of the public body and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in public meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances and any applicable provisions of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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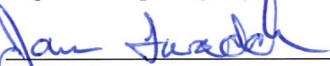
WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

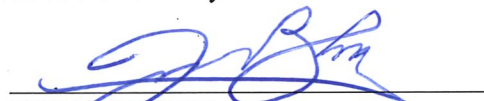
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of Mar, 2026.

ATTESTATION

(ORC 731.20)

We hereby attest and affirm that the foregoing legislation received the necessary affirmative roll call votes required for passage by ORC 731.17.


MAYOR


FISCAL OFFICER

LEGISLATION READINGS

(ORC 731.17(A))

- (1) Each ordinance and resolution shall be read by title only, provided the legislative authority may require any reading to be in full by a majority vote of its members.
(2) Each ordinance or resolution shall be read on three different days, provided the legislative authority may dispense with this rule by a vote of at least three-fourths of its members.

First Reading: 4/7/2026 Second Reading: 4/21/2026 Third Reading: 5/6/2021

ROLL CALL VOTE

(ORC 731.17(A)(3))

The vote on the passage was taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal. Each ordinance or resolution shall be passed, except as otherwise provided by law, by a vote of at least a majority of all the members of the legislative authority. Yeas, nays, abstentions, excused or absent votes were recorded as follows:

aye
Randy Wilson

aye
Lynne Phillips

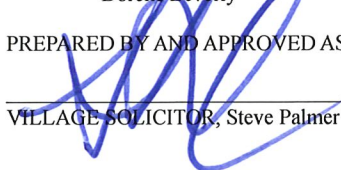
nay
Jason Hunter

aye
Dorene Beverly

aye
Larry Risner

aye
Randy Stephens

PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM [See also ORC 731.21(B)]:

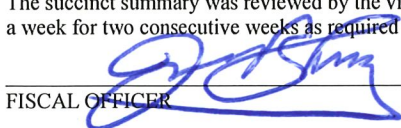

VILLAGE SOLICITOR, Steve Palmer

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

(ORC 731.21 and 731.22)

Pursuant to ORC 731.21(A)(3), I hereby certify that a succinct summary of the above legislation was/will be published using the following method: **ON THE WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

The succinct summary was reviewed by the village solicitor as required by ORC 731.21(B). Publication was/will be made at least once a week for two consecutive weeks as required by ORC 731.22.


FISCAL OFFICER