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Ordinance No. 2026-0-9 Passed May 6th, 2026
YEAR

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF GREENWICH, OHIO ORDINANCE NO.: 2026-O-09

SEWERAGE RATES ORC 729.49

AN ORDINANCE DEEMING IT ADVISABLE TO CHANGE SEWERAGE RATES AND CHARGES; AND AMENDING SECTION 1044.02 OF THE GREENWICH CODIFIED MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the Village has installed a system of sewerage, sewerage pumping works, or sewerage treatment or disposal works for public use; and

WHEREAS, Greenwich Code Section 232.02(c)(2) requires that the Village Administrator oversees the operations of the Village sewerage 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:

(2) Sewer disposal operations. Oversee the operation, maintenance and repair of the sewage disposal system.

WHEREAS, Section 729.49 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for sewerage rates or charges for rent and permits council to change rates when deemed advisable and reads in part as follows:

ORC Section 729.49 | Sewerage rates or charges of rent.

The legislative authority of a municipal corporation which has installed or is installing sewerage, a system of sewerage, sewage pumping works, or sewage treatment or disposal works for public use, may, by ordinance, establish just and equitable rates or charges of rents to be paid to the municipal corporation for the use of such services, by every person, firm, or corporation whose premises are served by a connection thereof. Such charges shall constitute a lien upon the property served by such connection and if not paid when due shall be collected in the same manner as other municipal corporation taxes. The legislative authority may change such rates or charges from time to time as is deemed advisable...

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, 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

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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 *Utility Rate Study Technical Memorandum, Conclusion, Page 14*); and

WHEREAS, the Village has previously established just and equitable rates or charges for sewerage services and codified them in Section 1044.02 of the Greenwich Codified Municipal Code of Ordinances which currently reads:

G.C. 1044.02 CHARGES; BILLING; SURCHARGE, PENALTY CHARGE AND DELINQUENT CHARGES.

- (a) The following sewer service charges are hereby established:
 - (1) The minimum sewer charge shall be billed at twenty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents (\$29.22) for the first 2,000 gallons of water used.
 - (2) Sewer service charges for water use in excess of 2,000 gallons shall be billed at six dollars and ninety cents (\$6.90) per 1,000 gallons thereafter.
(Res. 8-82. Passed 8-17-82; Ord. 2010-05. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2-12-08. Passed 11-6-12; Ord. 2013-05. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2019-12. Passed 12-17-19; Ord. 2020-12. Passed 12-1-20; Ord. 2022-02. Passed 3-1-22; Ord. 2022-17. Passed 1-3-23; Ord. 2023-17. Passed 1-2-24; Ord. 2024-O-25. Passed 11-19-24.)
- (b) The sewer service charge is due and payable on the first business day of each month indicated on the bill. The last day for payment of all sewer charges is the twentieth of the month. A delinquent charge of 10% will be added to any bill not paid on or before the twentieth day of the month billed. If the twenty-second day of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or any holiday observed by the Village or the day before any such holiday, the first business day thereafter shall be considered as the last day to pay before discontinuance of water service.
(Ord. 900. Passed 8-18-98; Ord. 919. Passed 1-4-00; Ord. 2016-06. Passed 9-6-16.)
- (c) (EDITOR'S NOTE: This division was repealed by Ordinance 900, passed August 18, 1998.)
- (d) The minimum sewer charge for multiple units receiving water through one meter will be twenty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents (\$29.22) for the first 2,000 gallons of water per unit.
(Res. 90-8. Passed 11-10-90; Ord. 2013-05. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2019-12. Passed 12-17-19; Ord. 2020-12. Passed 12-1-20; Ord. 2024-O-25. Passed 11-19-24.)
- (e) Home owners within the Village corporation limits that operate a stand alone sewage system (septic tank leach bed or mound system approved by the Huron County Health Board) that is not connected to the Village sewer lines will not pay the sewer charge and surcharge. A home owner that is connected or uses the Village surface water drainage system will be assessed the sewer charge and surcharge.
- (f) All outside users of the sewer lagoon system will pay a rate twice that of inside users.
(Res. 95-8. Passed 8-21-95; Ord. 1024. Passed 11-20-07; Ord. 2012-08. Passed 11-6-12.)

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WHEREAS, the Utility Committee of Council has reviewed the current sewer rates and charges and deems it advisable to amend the sewer charge and the sewer surcharge and recommends the changes contained herein; and

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

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

SECTION 1. That pursuant to ORC 729.49, Village Council hereby deems it advisable to change the sewerage rates and charges.

SECTION 2. That Section 1044.02 of the Codified Municipal Code shall hereby be amended as follows:

1044.02 SEWERAGE RATES, CHARGES; BILLING; SURCHARGE, PENALTY CHARGE AND DELINQUENT CHARGES.

(a) *The following sewer service charges are hereby established:*

(1) **INSIDE USERS UP TO 2000 GALLONS.** *The minimum sewer charge shall be billed at twenty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents (\$29.22) for the first 2,000 gallons of water used.*

1. **Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall increase 35% to \$39.45.**
2. **Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 35% to \$53.25.**
3. **Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 35% to \$71.89.**
4. **Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 15% to \$82.68.**
5. **Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 5% to \$86.81.**
6. **Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$89.41.**
7. **Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$92.10.**
8. **Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$94.86.**
9. **Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$97.71.**
10. **Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$100.64.**
11. **Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$103.66.**

(2) **INSIDE USERS OVER 2000 GALLONS.** *Sewer service charges for water use in excess of 2,000 gallons shall be billed at six dollars and ninety cents (\$6.90) per 1,000 gallons thereafter.*

(Res. 8-82. Passed 8-17-82; Ord. 2010-05. Passed 7-20-10; Ord. 2-12-08. Passed 11-6-12; Ord. 2013-05. Passed 4-16-13; Ord. 2019-12. Passed 12-17-19; Ord. 2020-12. Passed 12-1-20; Ord. 2022-02. Passed 3-1-22; Ord. 2022-17. Passed 1-3-23; Ord. 2023-17. Passed 1-2-24; Ord. 2024-O-25. Passed 11-19-24.)

1. **Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall increase 35% to \$9.32.**
2. **Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 35% to \$12.58.**
3. **Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 35% to \$16.98.**
4. **Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 15% to \$19.52.**
5. **Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 5% to \$20.50.**
6. **Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$21.11.**
7. **Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$21.75.**

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8. Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$22.40.
9. Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$23.07.
10. Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$23.76.
11. Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$24.48.

(b) The sewer service charge is due and payable on the first business day of each month indicated on the bill. The last day for payment of all sewer charges is the twentieth of the month. A delinquent charge of 10% will be added to any bill not paid on or before the twentieth day of the month billed. If the twenty-second day of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or any holiday observed by the Village or the day before any such holiday, the first business day thereafter shall be considered as the last day to pay before discontinuance of water service. (Ord. 900. Passed 8-18-98; Ord. 919. Passed 1-4-00; Ord. 2016-06. Passed 9-6-16.)

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(f) **OUTSIDE USERS.** All outside users of the sewer lagoon system will pay a rate twice that of inside users.

(Res. 95-8. Passed 8-21-95; Ord. 1024. Passed 11-20-07; Ord. 2012-08. Passed 11-6-12.)

UP TO 2000 GALLONS

1. Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall be \$59.18.
2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 35% to \$79.88.
3. Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 35% to \$107.84.
4. Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 15% to \$124.02.
5. Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 5% to \$130.22.
6. Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$134.12.
7. Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$138.15.
8. Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$142.29.
9. Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$146.57.
10. Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$150.96.
11. Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$155.49.

OVER 2000 GALLONS per 1000 gallons thereafter

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1. Beginning June 1, 2026, the rate shall be \$13.98.
2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the rate shall increase 35% to \$18.87.
3. Beginning January 1, 2028, the rate shall increase 35% to \$25.47.
4. Beginning January 1, 2029, the rate shall increase 15% to \$29.28.
5. Beginning January 1, 2030, the rate shall increase 5% to \$30.75.
6. Beginning January 1, 2031, the rate shall increase 3% to \$31.67.
7. Beginning January 1, 2032, the rate shall increase 3% to \$32.63.
8. Beginning January 1, 2033, the rate shall increase 3% to \$33.60.
9. Beginning January 1, 2034, the rate shall increase 3% to \$34.61.
10. Beginning January 1, 2035, the rate shall increase 3% to \$35.64.
11. Beginning January 1, 2036, the rate shall increase 3% to \$36.72.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS. That any amendments herein are indicated with additions appearing in **bold and underline** and deletions appearing in **bold and strikethrough**.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. That the amendments contained herein shall be effective **June 01, 2026.**

SECTION 5. CODIFICATION. That the Council Clerk is hereby directed to submit the amendments herein to the codification service for the Village.

SECTION 6. PUBLIC MEETING. It is found and determined that all formal action of this public body concerning or relating to the passage of this legislation 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.

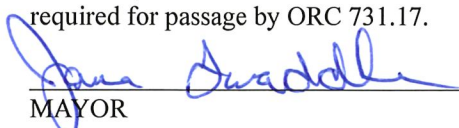
WHEREFORE, this legislation shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

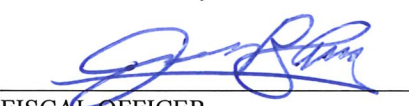
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of Mar, 2026.

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: 5/6/2026

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:

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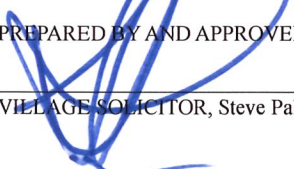
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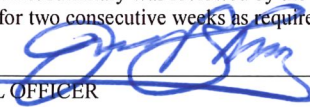
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PREPARED BY AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM [See also ORC 731.21(B)]:


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