

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, SHELBY COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Jackson Center, Ohio has decided the water and sewer rates for the Village of Jackson Center must be raised due to increased cost of personnel services, operation and maintenance; and capital outlay expenses associated with operating the water and sewer utility services; and

WHEREAS, the water rates have been increased six (6) percent per year and sewer rates have been increased three (3) percent since 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary to increase the charges and rates, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 2, for water and sewer usage in the years 2026, 2027, and 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Water monthly minimum of 0 to 2,000 gallons are to increase 2% each year in 2026, 2027, 2028, but not the commodity rate, to keep the utility on track with inflationary factors and will review annually to assess the financial condition of the Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer monthly minimum and flow usage will have a 0% change in 2026, 2027, and 2028 and will be reviewed annually to assess the financial condition of the Sewer Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER, SHELBY COUNTY, AND STATE OF OHIO:**SECTION 1.**

The rate charged for all customers served by a 5/8-3/4" water meter, based upon monthly consumption, for all users of the Village of Jackson Center using such service shall be per month as follows:

Water Usage	2026 Rate	2027 Rate	2028 Rate
0 to 2,000 gallons	40.25 per month	41.06 per month	41.88 per month
2,100 to 5,000 gallons	10.25 per 1000 gallons	10.25 per 1000 gallons	10.25 per 1000 gallons
5,100 to 35,000 gallons	9.74 per 1000 gallons	9.74 per 1000 gallons	9.74 per 1000 gallons
All over 35,000 gallons	9.12 per 1000 gallons	9.12 per 1000 gallons	9.12 per 1000 gallons

For customers with water meters larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ", minimum bills shall be based upon the following schedule, plus any actual water usage above the minimum stated above:

Size of Meter	2026 Rate	2027 Rate	2028 Rate
1"	47.50 per month	48.44 per month	49.41 per month
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	62.79 per month	64.05 per month	65.33 per month
2"	85.33 per month	87.04 per month	88.78 per month
3"	171.06 per month	174.48 per month	177.97 per month
4"	301.88 per month	307.91 per month	314.07 per month
6"	805.00 per month	821.10 per month	837.52 per month
8"	1329.46 per month	1356.05 per month	1383.17 per month
10"	2099.44 per month	2141.43 per month	2184.26 per month

This Section 1 shall not apply to fire protection service lines, for which there shall be no additional charge.

SECTION 2.

The rate charged for sewer service, based upon monthly consumption, for all users of the Village of Jackson Center using such service shall be per month as follows:

Water Usage	2026 Rate	2027 Rate	2028 Rate
0 to 2,000 gallons	46.00 per month	46.00 per month	46.00 per month
2,100 to 5,000 gallons	10.00 per 1000 gallons	10.00 per 1000 gallons	10.00 per 1000 gallons
5,100 to 35,000 gallons	9.45 per 1000 gallons	9.45 per 1000 gallons	9.45 per 1000 gallons
All over 35,000 gallons	8.68 per 1000 gallons	8.68 per 1000 gallons	8.68 per 1000 gallons

SECTION 3.

Additionally, a customer charge of \$5.00 per month for Water will be maintained in installments over the next three-year period 2026, 2027, and 2028. These charges do not vary with usage and will be used for meters, meter maintenance and replacement, Distribution system maintenance, capital costs, and Water Plant maintenance.

SECTION 4.

Additionally, a customer charge of \$7.50 per month for Sewer will be maintained in installments over the next three-year period 2026, 2027, and 2028. These charges do not



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vary with usage and will be used for meters, meter maintenance and replacement, collection system maintenance, capital costs, and Sewer Plant maintenance.

SECTION 5.

The rates herein shall be effective with the March 1st, 2026 bills.

SECTION 6.

Should service begin between normal meter reading dates, the minimum charge shall be pro-rated based on the 1/30th of the appropriate minimum charge for each day the water was turned on of that billing period. The normal billing period shall begin on approximately the 20th day of the month and end on approximately the 20th day of the following month.

SECTION 7.

The rates charged for water and sewer service for non-residents of the Village of Jackson Center, Ohio shall be the preceding rates, plus an additional fifty (50%) percent to defer the additional costs of providing said service, as outlined in Section 1 and Section 2.

SECTION 8.

The preceding water and sewer charges are "net" to the customer. Ten percent (10%) shall be added to the water and sewer charge if not paid by the due date displayed on the monthly bill for water and sewer service, and service may be disconnected after failure to pay and subject to a disconnect fee. Overdue accounts 60 days or more are subject to eighteen percent (18%) per annum interest charge;

SECTION 9.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10.

Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare; such emergency arising out of the need to provide the necessary funds for the safe and dependable operation of the water and sewer plants; wherefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted on this date:

February 23, 2026

Jesse Fark, Mayor

Attest:

Beverly A. Wren, Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE OF FISCAL OFFICER AS TO POSTING



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I certify that the above Ordinance 2026-003 has been posted as required by law. Posted in the Village Website, and Social Media Page.

Date of Posting: February 24, 2026

Signed: _____