

AN ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
CITY OF GREENSBURG  
Ordinance Number: 2009-0706OA  
Amendment Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER  
WORKS SYSTEM AND THE MUNICIPAL SEWER OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG

WHEREAS, it has been determined that mandatory State regulations, and the rising costs to maintain the City of Greensburg’s existing water and wastewater systems and to provide continued water quality, necessary flow, pressure and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the Greensburg Water & Sewer system’s water and sewer revenue has remained relatively flat, growing at just 2.34% per year since 2002, while at the same time expenses for day to day operations and maintenance has grown by over 10.64% per year since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Greensburg Water & Sewer system cannot continue to absorb the additional cost of operation by continuing to pull cash from its reserve funds to maintain normal standard operations; and

WHEREAS, it is has been determined through a ten county survey that the current Greensburg Water and Sewer rates are well below the average, and as a result, has placed the system in a financial bind; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greensburg has been advised by the Division of Water and Bell Engineering that the water and sewer rates should be adjusted as such to properly maintain a quality utility system and to correct the cost revenue imbalance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GREENSBURG that the water and sewer rate ordinances of the City of Greensburg be and hereby amended to the minimum structure as follows:

SECTION 1.

		<u>Water Rates</u>		<u>Sewer Rates</u>
		<u>Inside</u>	<u>Outside</u>	
		<u>City</u>	<u>City</u>	
First	2000 gallons	\$11.78	\$20.40	\$14.55 Minimum *
Next	3,000 gallons	4.82	8.50	5.94 per 1000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	4.34	6.80	5.36 per 1000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	3.93	4.33	4.84 per 1000 gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	3.59	4.33	4.43 per 1000 gallons
Over	45,000 gallons	2.77	4.33	3.76 per 1000 gallons

- A. The monthly water rates for customers outside the boundaries of the city limits of the City of Greensburg shall be and are hereby set at the same rate charged by the Green-Taylor Water District to its customers and said rates shall be subject to change and amendment as said Water District's rates are changed and amended from time to time.
- B. All water rates for usage over and above the first 2,000 gallons per month shall be applied and billed in increments of 100 gallons.

SECTION 2.

- A. All sewer rates for usage over and above the first 2,000 gallons of water used per month shall be applied and billed in increments of 100 gallons.

SECTION 3.

- A. Subject to prior approval by resolution of the Greensburg City Council, the approved tables of charges adopted by this ordinance shall be adjusted annually, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, by a nationally recognized and published municipal inflation cost factor.

SECTION 4.

- A. Having not been adjusted since 2004, the water usage rate contracted by Green-Taylor Water District is hereby adjusted accordingly from \$1.838 per 1000 gallons used to \$2.206 per 1000 gallons effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

SECTION 5.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication in accordance with applicable law.

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Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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