

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
ORDINANCE 2019-6**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY,
ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND THE SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR
THE COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RATES AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as the City), has determined and declared it to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the City to collect charges from all users of the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System (herein referred to as the Sewer System); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in connection with collecting charges that a system of user charges be established in order to provide funds needed to pay for the operation, maintenance and replacement and debt service expenses associated with the City's municipal sewer system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, that the following user charges are amended for the City's municipal sewer system.

SECTION 1: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to establish user charges in the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky to provide funds needed to pay for the operation, maintenance and replacement (OM&R) and debt service expenses associated with the City's municipal sewer system.

SECTION 2: MONTHLY SEWER CHARGES

The charges for the sewer services by the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky, are hereby fixed and established on a monthly basis as follows:

2.1 Minimum Monthly Sewer Bill for Residents of the City

The Minimum monthly bill for the sewer service to residents of the City, which minimum bill entitles each customer to 2000 gallons of water usage each month for such minimum charge, shall be ~~ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50)~~ fourteen dollars and fifteen cents (\$14.15).

Effective July 1, 2020 the Minimum monthly bill for the sewer service to residents of the City, which minimum bill entitles each customer to 2000 gallons of water usage each month for such minimum charge, shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

Effective July 2, 2021 the Minimum monthly bill for sewer service to residents of the City, which minimum bill entitles each customer to 2000 gallons of water usage each month for such minimum charge, shall be fifteen dollars and ninety cents (\$15.90).

2.2 Monthly Sewer Rates for Residents of the City

The following monthly rates for the Sewer Services for all resident sewer customers of the City's municipal sewer system shall be based on the customer's monthly water consumption and shall take into account (a) the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the municipal sewer system; and, (b) the debt service requirements of the bonds and loans issued on behalf of the City's municipal sewer system.

The monthly sewer rates for Residents of the City are as follows:

	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 5.25 (\$10.50 minimum)	\$ 7.075 (\$14.15 minimum)
All over 2,000 gallons	\$ 4.26	\$ 5.74

Effective July 1, 2020

	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 7.075 (\$14.15 minimum)	\$ 7.50 (\$15.00 minimum)
All over 2,000 gallons	\$ 5.74	\$ 6.08

Effective July 1, 2021

	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 7.50 (\$15.00 minimum)	\$ 7.95 (\$ 15.90 minimum)
All over 2,000 gallons	\$ 6.08	\$ 6.44

2.3 Minimum Monthly Sewer Bill for Non-Residents of the City

The minimum monthly bill for the sewer service to non-residents of the City, which minimum bill entitles each customer to 2,000 gallons of water each month for such minimum charge, shall be ~~fifteen dollars and ten cents (\$15.10)~~ twenty dollars and thirty-four cents (\$ 20.34).

Effective July 1, 2020 the Minimum monthly bill for the sewer service to non-residents of the City, which minimum bill entitles each customer to 2,000 gallons of water each month for such minimum charge, shall be twenty-one dollars and fifty-six cents (\$ 21.56).

Effective July 1, 2021 the Minimum monthly bill for the sewer service to non-residents of the City, which minimum bill entitles each customer to 2,000 gallons of water each month for such minimum charge, shall be twenty-two dollars and eighty-five cents (\$ 22.85).

2.4 Monthly Sewer Rate for Non-Residents of the City

The following monthly rates for the Sewer Service for all non-resident sewer customers of the City's municipal sewer system shall be based on the customer's monthly water consumption and shall take into account (a) the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the municipal sewer system; and, (b) the debt service requirements of the bonds and loans issued on behalf of City's municipal sewer system.

The monthly sewer rates for Non-Residents of the City are as follows:

	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 7.55 (\$ 15.10 minimum)	\$ 10.17 (\$ 20.34 minimum)
All over 2,000 gallons	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.08

Effective July 1, 2020

	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 10.17 (\$ 20.34 minimum)	\$ 10.78 (\$ 21.56 minimum)
All over 2,000 gallons	\$ 8.08	\$ 8.56

Effective July 1, 2021

	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 10.78 (\$ 21.56 minimum)	\$ 11.43 (\$ 22.86 minimum)
All over 2,000 gallons	\$ 8.56	\$ 9.07

2.5 Consumer Price Index Adjustment of Rates

Effective January 1, 2022, on or before March 1 of each calendar year this section is in effect, the Utility Clerk for the City shall access from the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Government (DLG), or its successor, the annual increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the preceding year as otherwise set out in KRS 83A.075. The percentage of increase or decrease set forth by the DLG shall be applied to the above rate table to develop the new rates to be used. The initial implementation of the automatic rate increase or decrease shall become effective and be used for the billing mailed on or about July 1, 2022. For all future years, the increase or decrease shall be effective and be used with billings mailed on or about July 1 of each subsequent year. Notice of the CPI percentage increase or decrease sewer charge shall be mailed to each customer not later than May 30 and published in a local newspaper qualifying under KRS Chapter 424.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SEWER CHARGES

The foregoing sewer rates and charges shall be effective as to existing water customers on the City's municipal water system for the next monthly billing beginning immediately after the effective date of this Ordinance, and shall be effective as to the respective premises of new customers begging on the date on which each customer connects their premises to the water line made available to such premises.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, provision, paragraph or section of this Ordinance is ruled void or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder hereof is intended to be enacted and shall be in full force and effect notwithstanding.

SECTION 5: ALL FORMER PROVISIONS REPEALED

All City Ordinances, Orders, Resolutions, Motions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are repealed.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on March 28, 2019 and given final reading on April 18, 2019, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature and publication pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

GIVEN FIRST READING AND PASSED

GIVEN SECOND READING AND PASSED

PUBLISHED IN THE MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL

3/28/19

4/18/19


4/24/19

APPROVED:



MICHAEL BRYANT, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JEANETTE ROBINSON, CITY
CLERK