

Ordinance No. 14-19

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF PLAIN CITY, OHIO BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to provide for the provision of water and sewer services by the Village of Plain City, Ohio, and establish rates for such services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to review and determine the appropriateness of such rates and whether adjustments to such rates are necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 9-16 was adopted in 2016 establishing the rates for the provision of water and sewer service; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2-17 was adopted in 2017 establishing a sewer surcharge fee to recover costs associated with the debt retirement of the municipal sewer plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Administrator reports that operational costs for the water and sewer plants have continued to increase and recommends increases in the water and sewer rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Plain City recognizes the additional costs for ongoing operations of the Village water and sewer plants and believes it necessary and appropriate to increase Village water and sewer rates to account for increased operational costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Plain City finds that it is necessary and proper to increase water rates by 2% annually beginning on March 1, 2020, for a period of three years. The council of the Village of Plain City finds that it is necessary and proper to increase sewer rates by 2% annually beginning on March 1, 2020, for the period of three years.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Plain City finds that it is necessary and proper to also decrease the sewer surcharge \$0.50 annually for the same three-year period.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Plain City, a majority of the members elected or appointed thereto concurring, as follows:

**Section 1. Water Rates.** Beginning on March 1, 2020, the price to be charged to each unit user for water furnished by the Village shall be increased by 2% annually for three consecutive years.

**Section 2. Sewer Rates.** Beginning on March 1, 2020, the price to be charged to each unit user for sewer services furnished by the Village shall be increased by 2% annually for three consecutive years.

**Section 3. Sewer Surcharge Fee.** Beginning on March 1, 2020, the sewer surcharge fee shall be reduced by \$0.50 per month per unit or unit user annually for a period of three years for a total overall reduction of \$1.50 over that three-year period.

**Section 4.** The Council for the Village of Plain City hereby instructs the Village Administrator to publish the new water and sewer rates set forth herein in the Village Water and Sewer Rates schedule and to publish the Water and Sewer Rates schedule on the Village website and make such rates available to the public upon request.

**Section 5. Effect of Prior Ordinances and Resolutions.** All prior Resolutions and Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period provided by law.

Passed: January 13, 2020.

Attest: *Renee Smrrett* \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Fiscal Officer Mayor

First reading: October 28, 2019. Vote: \_\_\_ yea \_\_\_ nay \_\_\_ abstain

Second reading: November 13, 2019. Vote: \_\_\_ yea \_\_\_ nay \_\_\_ abstain

Third reading: January 13, 2020. Vote: 4 yea 2 nay 0 abstain

### Certificate of Publication

The undersigned, being Village Fiscal Officer of the Village of Plain City, hereby certifies that the foregoing was published by posting for 15 days as required by law and in accordance with Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances. The posting was done from \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 to \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 at the Office of the Fiscal Officer located at 213 South Chillicothe Street; the Plain City Public Library located at 305 W. Main Street; the Security National Bank located at 105 W. Main Street; the Richwood Banking Co. located at 601 W. Main Street; all being in the Village of Plain City, Ohio and the Village of Plain City Website at [www.plain-city.com](http://www.plain-city.com).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Village Fiscal Officer