



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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ORDINANCE 2025-34

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL WASTEWATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026, 2027, AND 2028.

WHEREAS the City of Mount Vernon operates and maintains public water and wastewater utility systems to ensure safe, reliable, and compliant service for its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, projected capital needs, inflationary costs, and regulatory requirements necessitate a multi-year rate adjustment to sustain and improve the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges the corresponding need for incremental water rate adjustments to maintain adequate operational revenues and reserves within the water fund; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that the Safety-Service Director will implement corresponding seven percent (7%) increases to all base and volumetric water rates according to the same schedule as established in Section 1 of this ordinance, during the first billing cycle of the second quarter of 2026, 2027, and 2028, pursuant to the authority granted under existing ordinances governing water system administration; and

WHEREAS, the current base User Charge is \$7.46 (based on each 100 cu. ft. of flow being discharged to the sanitary sewer system), and Council has determined that annual increases of 11% of the User Charge implemented at the beginning of the second quarter in 2026, 2027, and 2028 is necessary to meet the projected capital needs, inflationary costs, and regulatory requirements to sustain and improve the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Council to provide predictable and transparent rate schedules for residents and to direct periodic review of utility fund performance and sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Section 913.07(a) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

(1) The User Charge paid by all classes of users (based on each 100 cu. ft. of flow being discharged to the sanitary sewer system) shall be set as follows:

Effective April 1, 2026: \$8.28

