

**CITY OF STRUTHERS**  
**Ordinance**

**NO. 22-035**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRUTHERS, OHIO AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 20-023 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-016 ENTITLED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTE INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER AND WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS, PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Struthers Auditor, Water Pollution Control Superintendent, and Mayor have commissioned and completed a comprehensive rate study prepared by assistance from outside professional consultation, and

**WHEREAS**, the findings of the City of Struthers rate study suggests necessary rate increases to generate the level of annual revenue required to satisfy projected annual operating, debt service, and capital improvement cost requirements and establish a means for adequate reserves, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Struthers sewer usage rate ranks lowest amongst surveyed communities of similar system size and population, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Struthers Water Pollution Control outlay for asset management and future capital improvements totals an estimated \$3,000,000 over the next 20 years, \$1,800,000 of that is likely required within the next eight (8) years based on the age and health of the system, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Struthers has ten (10) open loans with a balance of approximately \$3,600,000, the last of which is set to retire by 2041, and

**WHEREAS**, potable water demand and consumption trends indicate a marginal increase, but at a pace not consistent with utility, payroll, operations, and overhead liabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Struthers current annual sewer fees for residential service are estimated to be approximately \$300 is below the City’s affordability rate equal to 1.5% of the City’s Median Household Income or \$590 per year, and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s of Struthers will continue to fund capital improvements utilizing State Revolving Loan financing and other means, as available,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio,  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1:** That Ordinance No. 20-023, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 1: For the purposes provided in this Ordinance there is levied and charged upon each lot, parcel of land, or premises having an active connection with the sewerage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City’s system, sewer charges, payable herein provided and in amounts to be determined as follows:**

First Reading 04/13/2022  
Second Reading 04/27/2022  
Third Reading 05/11/2022

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**\$4.50 PER ONE HUNDRED (100) CUBIC FEET OF WATER USED PER MONTH (EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022).**

**\$5.00 PER ONE HUNDRED (100) CUBIC FEET OF WATER USED PER MONTH (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024).**

**\$5.50 PER ONE HUNDRED (100) CUBIC FEET OF WATER USED PER MONTH (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026).**

**Any premises located outside the City Limits, which must be served by system shall be governed by rates established by contract and approved by the Council of the City of Structures.**

**In addition, for the purposes provided in this Ordinance, there is a Debt Service Charge levied upon each lot, parcel of land, or premises having an active connection with the sewerage system or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the City's system. The debt service charge is fixed herein and is as follows:**

**Debt Service Charge effective JUNE 1, 2022 - \$4.50 per month.**

**SECTION 2:** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2022.

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2022.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2022.

Catherine Cerccone Miller  
MAYOR

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