

CITY OF STRUTHERS
Ordinance

NO. 21-060

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATES AT WHICH AQUA OHIO, INC. SHALL FURNISH WATER TO THE CITY OF STRUTHERS AND ITS INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR AND DURING THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EXTENDING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1

Aqua Ohio, Inc. (Aqua) shall charge for water furnished to the City of Struthers and its inhabitants, the following rates for all water furnished as reflected upon any and all bills rendered on and after January 1, 2022 through and including December 31, 2025; provided, however, if Aqua incurs a significant increase in operating expenses or is required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency or any other governmental or regulatory agency to commence construction of a major capital expenditure during the term as stated, Aqua may seek to establish rates greater than those stated herein below by agreement, or in the manner prescribed by law.

DIVISION A
MEASURED OR METERED SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

CUSTOMER CHARGE PER MONTH BASED ON METER SIZE				
Meter Size	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025
5/8" X 3/4"	\$14.14	\$14.74	\$15.40	\$16.09
1"	\$30.83	\$32.14	\$33.58	\$35.09
1-1/2"	\$65.28	\$68.06	\$71.12	\$74.32
2"	\$113.12	\$117.93	\$123.24	\$128.78
3"	\$251.10	\$261.77	\$273.55	\$285.86
4"	\$443.84	\$462.71	\$483.53	\$505.29
6"	\$995.14	\$1,037.43	\$1,084.12	\$1,132.90

CHARGE FOR WATER DELIVERED (VOLUMETRIC RATES)		
	For the first 18,700 gallons (or 2,500 cu ft) per month	For all over 18,700 gallons (or 2,500 cu ft) per month
1/1/2022 -12/31/2022	\$.9769 per 100 gallons	\$.8195 per 100 gallons
1/1/2023 -12/31/2023	\$1.0184 per 100 gallons	\$.8543 per 100 gallons
1/1/2024 -12/31/2024	\$1.0643 per 100 gallons	\$.8927 per 100 gallons
1/1/2025 -12/31/2025	\$1.1122 per 100 gallons	\$.9329 per 100 gallons

ACCOUNT ACTIVATION FEE: An account activation charge of Thirty Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$30.76) will be charged for a service connection during Aqua’s regular business hours.

LATE PAYMENT FEE: The customer will be charged a late payment fee of five percent (5%) if bill payment is paid after the past due date as specified on the customer bill.

DISHONORED CHECKS: When a check that has been received as payment for service is returned by the bank unpaid, a charge of Eighteen Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$18.58) will be assessed to cover the cost of processing this transaction. The charge for the dishonored check may be reflected at Aqua’s option when Aqua returns the dishonored check or may be charged on the customer’s next billing.

RECONNECTION FEE: Reconnection fees as defined by Master Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 2. (or subsequent numbers) are:

Reconnection Fee during regular business hours..... \$53.25

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Reconnection Fee other than during regular business hours..... \$163.43

DIVISION B
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION RATE SCHEDULE

HOSE CONNECTIONS AND HYDRANTS	RATES PER MONTH			
	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025
1-1/4" hose connection	\$24.25	\$25.28	\$26.42	\$27.61
1-1/2" hose connection	\$30.17	\$31.45	\$32.87	\$34.35
2" hose connection	\$36.48	\$38.03	\$39.74	\$41.53
2-1/2" hose connection	\$43.36	\$45.20	\$47.23	\$49.36
Private fire hydrants	\$89.23	\$93.02	\$97.21	\$101.58

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS		RATES PER MONTH			
Size of Connection	Floor Space	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025
2"	5,000 sq. ft. or less	\$71.28	\$74.30	\$77.65	\$81.14
4"	10,000 sq. ft. or less	\$119.40	\$124.47	\$130.07	\$135.93
6"	20,000 sq. ft. or less	\$178.87	\$186.47	\$194.87	\$203.63
8"	30,000 sq. ft. or less	\$252.13	\$262.84	\$274.67	\$287.03
Additional floor space	Per 1,000 sq. ft.	\$2.23	\$2.33	\$2.43	\$2.54

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DIVISION C
PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATE

Any and all charges for the operation and maintenance of all public hydrants now or hereafter installed and to be used for fire protection purposes only are provided for and included in Division A Measured or Metered Service Rate Schedule.

DIVISION D
BULK WATER SALES

For sales of bulk water at Aqua-designated connections, a customer shall pay Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons delivered. In addition, the customer shall pay a bulk water permit fee based upon Aqua’s costs incurred for bulk water connection and metering accommodations.

DIVISION E
CUSTOMER IMPACT FEE

Prior to any new service connection to a water line operated by Aqua, the customer shall pay a customer impact fee based on meter size:

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Meter Size	Customer Impact Fee
5/8" X 3/4"	\$1,900.00
1"	\$4,240.00
1-1/2"	\$9,040.00
2" or larger	\$15,760.00

Amounts received for Customer Impact Fees, which are above the then current related facilities fees determined as set forth in Aqua’s PUCO approved tariffs, if any, shall be the revenue stabilization fees and shall be treated as revenues.

SECTION 2

The rates in Section 1 for period beginning January 1, 2025 shall continue in effect after December 31, 2025 until new rates have been agreed upon or have been fixed in the manner prescribed by law. Either the City or Aqua may request of the other party the establishment of new rates to become effective after December 31, 2025 and, if no agreement has been reached during a period of sixty (60) days following the making of such request, either party may proceed to have the aforesaid rates fixed in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 3

Aqua will construct approximately \$27 million of capital improvements within its Struthers Division during the period covered by this Ordinance, inclusive of the period January 2022 through December 2025. Nothing herein shall be construed as a guarantee of a minimum amount of capital improvements hereunder.

SECTION 4

Service shall be furnished by Aqua in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Aqua’s applicable tariff, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

SECTION 6

The City will appoint at least one representative to be part of a Water Utility Committee made up of representatives from all communities served by Aqua-Struthers Division. Aqua and the Committee will arrange periodic public meetings to discuss water system matters.

SECTION 7

This Ordinance and the written acceptance thereof by Aqua filed with the Clerk of Council, after its passage and approval by the Mayor, shall constitute a contract between the City and Aqua pursuant to and by virtue of Sections 4 and 5 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of Ohio.

SECTION 8

Prior Ordinances concerning rates for water provided by Aqua are repealed as of January 1, 2022.

SECTION 9

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 27th DAY OF October, 2021.

Megan R. Shorthouse
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH THE MAYOR THIS 27th DAY OF October, 2021.

Megan R. Shorthouse
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 27th DAY OF October, 2021.

Catherine Cercone Miller
MAYOR

PUBLISHED IN THE HOMETOWN JOURNAL

DATE: 11/04/2021-11/11/2021

Megan R. Shorthouse
CLERK OF COUNCIL