

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
RELATING TO CITY OF VIENNA'S
WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2017, the City Council of the City of Vienna caused to be read an Ordinance proposing an increase in its water rates, fees and charges in lieu of its present water rates and charges for service provided to customers of its water system and is proposing the adoption of the same. The proposed Ordinance reads as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING RATES,
FEES AND CHARGES OF THE CITY OF VIENNA, WEST VIRGINIA
WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, in order to provide revenues sufficient revenues for the City of Vienna to pay the daily expenses associated with the operation of its water system, to provide working capital reserves as required by Chapter 24 of the *West Virginia Code*, and to provide sufficient revenues to cover the costs associated with renewals and replacements and associated debt service, the City Council of the City of Vienna deems it advisable and necessary to increase the City's current rates, fees and charges for furnishing water service.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the rates, fees and charges set forth below are just and equitable for the service provided to the City's water customers and that such rates will be sufficient to meet daily expenses associated with the operation of its water system, to provide working capital reserves as required by Chapter 24 of the *West Virginia Code*, and to provide funding of its associated debt service.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIENNA HEREBY ORDAINS that the following rates, fees and charges shall be adopted and placed into effect in lieu of its Water Tariff No. 8 currently on file with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations as set forth in current Water Tariff No. 8 shall remain unchanged.

SCHEDULE I

APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial service and resale

RATES

First	3,000 gallons used per month	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	17,000 gallons used per month	2.50 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	20,000 gallons used per month	2.00 per 1,000 gallons

CUSTOMER CHARGE

5/8	inch meter	\$ 6.75 per month
3/4	inch meter	10.13 per month
1	inch meter	16.88 per month
1-1/4	inch meter	24.64 per month
1-1/2	inch meter	33.75 per month
2	inch meter	54.00 per month
3	inch meter	101.25 per month

4	inch meter	168.75 per month
6	inch meter	337.50 per month
8	inch meter	540.00 per month

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than the customer charge.

RESALE RATE

\$1.80 per 1,000 gallons used per month plus customer charge

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

4	inch connection	\$10.00 per month
6	inch connection	15.00 per month
8	inch connection	20.00 per month

LEAK ADJUSTMENT INCREMENT PRODUCED

\$1.00 per M. Gallon to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate is used to calculate consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full within twenty (20) days, ten (10%) percent will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE

A charge of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), or the actual cost of the connection (solely determined by the utility), whichever is greater, shall be made for each new connection to the water system.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

All new applicants for residential or other water service may be required to deposit (1) a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or (ii) two-twelfths (2/12) of the annual estimated charge for water service, whichever is greater.

All new applications for residential or other combined water and sewer service may be required to deposit (1) a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two-twelfths (2/12) of the annual estimated charge for each service, whichever is greater.

WATER DISCONNECT-RECONNECT-ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for non-payment of water bills, a disconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged; or in the event the delinquent water bill is collected in the field, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be charged. Whenever water service which has previously been disconnected or otherwise withheld for non-payment of a water bill or by request, is reconnected, a reconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank for any reason.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

The rates, fees and charges as set forth above shall become effective shall become effective 45 days after the enactment hereof.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

The provisions of this Ordinance are separable, and if any clause, provision or section hereof be held void or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date of the charges herein set forth, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Upon introduction hereof, the City Clerk shall publish public notice of this Ordinance as a Class II legal advertisement in *The Parkersburg News and Sentinel*, being the only newspaper published and of general circulation in Wood County, West Virginia, and being of general circulation in the City of Vienna, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before Council on the 26th day of October, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., which date is not less than 10 days subsequent to the date of the first publication of notice of this Ordinance, and present protests. At such hearing all objections and suggestions shall be heard and the Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper on the premises. Further, said Notice shall advise the public that a copy of this ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall.

CITY OF VIENNA