



Village Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance – Additional Materials

MEETING DATE: November 26, 2019

FROM: [Melinda Molloy](#), Finance Director
[Michael Braiman](#), Assistant Village Manager
[John Prejzner](#), Assistant Director of Administrative Services

BUDGET IMPACT: None

At the last Village Board meeting, Ordinance 2019-O-69 was introduced. Since that time there has been a minor update to the ordinance's effective date. To clarify the rate increase's effective date, the effective date of the Ordinance has been amended to January 1, 2020. Furthermore, language has been added to the Code to clarify when the rate increase will first show on bills; on or after March 1, 2020. This does not represent a change in past practice and codifies how staff bills for and collects utility bill payments.

Documents Attached

1. Updated Ordinance #2019-O-69 Amending the Village Code (sewer rate increase)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-O-69

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WILMETTE VILLAGE CODE
(Chapter 26 Sewer and Water Facilities)**

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WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village find that the sound management of the public finances of the Village of Wilmette necessitates that from time to time the Village of Wilmette revise certain user fees and rates in order to adequately fund the public services provided by the Village of Wilmette; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: Each of the foregoing recitals and findings are hereby made a part of this Ordinance and are incorporated by reference as if set forth verbatim herein.

SECTION 2: The Wilmette Village Code, as amended, is further amended in Chapter 26, “Sewer and Water Facilities,” Section 26-291, “Sewer User Rate,” in the manner and form shown below in said Subsection 26-291, by deleting the text of said Subsection 26-291 shown in strikethrough type below and inserting the new text shown in underlined bold type below, so that said Subsection 26-291 shall hereafter read as follows:

26-291 SEWER USER RATE.

- (a) There shall be and there is hereby established a Sewer User Rate for the use of and for service supplied by the sanitary and combined sewerage system of the village. The Sewer User Rate shall be ~~\$3.44~~ **4.40** per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, and shall be applied to all users except otherwise exempted in section 26-290. **This new rate shall be effective on January 1, 2020 which -shall appear on a utility bill on or after March 1, 2020.** ~~On and after March 1, 2014, the rate under this section shall be \$3.84 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. On and after, March 1, 2015, the rate under this section shall be \$4.24 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption.~~

- (b) This rate shall be computed in the following manner:
 - (1) Estimate the annual operation, maintenance and replacement costs plus debt service costs for all financing and improvements for the sanitary and combined sewerage system;
 - (2) Estimate annual water usage by users of the sewerage system;
 - (3) Divide estimated annual costs (subsection (a) of this section) by estimated annual water usage (subsection (b) of this section) to determine rate.

- (c) The operation, maintenance and replacement cost portion of the Sewer User Rate shall be ~~\$1.07~~ 1.23 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, and the Debt Service Charge of the basic user rate shall be ~~\$2.37~~ 3.17 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. **This new rate shall be effective on January 1, 2020 which shall appear on a utility bill on or after March 1, 2020.** ~~—On and after March 1, 2014, the operation, maintenance and replacement cost portion of the Sewer User Rate shall be \$1.07 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, and the Debt Service Charge of the basic user rate shall be \$2.77 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. On and after March 1, 2015, the operation, maintenance and replacement cost portion of the Sewer User Rate shall be \$1.07 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, and the Debt Service Charge of the basic user rate shall be \$3.17 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. These are dedicated sources of revenue for these purposes.~~

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- (c) When an owner or tenant vacates premises and does not desire to assume further responsibility for the sewer user charge, notification shall be made, to the Finance Director, requesting termination of such charge, and upon receipt of such notice, a final reading from the inside meter will be taken. The charge shall terminate as of the end of the month in which the notice is received.
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SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage,

approval and publication. March 1, 2020,

~~subsequent to its passage, approval and publication as required by law.~~

PASSED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Wilmette, Illinois, on the **26th** day of **November, 2019**, according to the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees Kennedy, Dodd, Kurzman, Plunkett and President Bielinski.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Trustees Sullivan and Barrow.

Clerk of the Village of Wilmette, IL

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