

An Ordinance No. 24-246

Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by repealing and replacing Section 911.02 entitled *Service Charge Rates* and Section 917.02 entitled *Service Charge Rates*.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 911.02 and Section 917.02 of Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, are hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, is hereby amended by the replacement of Section 911.02 as specified in Exhibit A attached and Section 917.02 as specified in Exhibit B attached.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after fourteen (14) days from the date of its passage.

PASSED this 27th day of August, A.D., 2024.



PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 24-246 was duly published in the *Springfield News-Sun* on August 30, 2024.


CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

911.02 SERVICE CHARGE RATES.

To provide necessary funds for equipment, personnel, and other expenses in connection with the providing of water services by the City, the City Manager is hereby directed to charge, assess, and collect a water service charge from every owner of a premises at the following rates, as applicable, for water supplied to all premises by the City:

- (a) For any premises situated within the corporate limits or within the JEDD, and being supplied with water by the City's water system, the service charge shall be for the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use.

<u>Monthly Rates</u> <u>Effective January 1, 2025</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Inside City Rate</u>
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 3,800 cu. ft.	\$ 2.97 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 36,000 cu. ft.	2.67 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 160,000 cu. ft.	2.40 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 200,000 cu. ft.	2.22 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (d) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (b) For any premises situated outside the corporate limits except (1) premises inside the JEDD, or (2) residential premises located in Springfield Township, and being supplied with water by the City's water system, the service charge shall be for the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use.

<u>Monthly Rates</u> <u>Effective January 1, 2025</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Outside City Rate</u>
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 3,800 cu. ft.	\$ 5.20 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 36,000 cu. ft.	4.67 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 160,000 cu. ft.	4.20 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 200,000 cu. ft.	3.89 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (d) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (c) For any residential premises situated outside the corporate limits and within the Springfield Township, and being supplied with water by the City's water system, the service charge shall be for the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use.

<u>Monthly Rates</u> <u>Effective January 1, 2025</u>	<u>Monthly Springfield</u> <u>Township Residential Rate</u>
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 3,800 cu. ft.	\$ 4.46 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 36,000 cu. ft.	4.00 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 160,000 cu. ft.	3.60 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 200,000 cu. ft.	3.33 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (d) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (d) Minimum Charges: the following minimum charges per month based on the following meter sizes shall be charged for water service. These rates are effective January 1, 2025.

Meter Size In Inches	Premises Inside City Or Inside JEDD	Premises Outside City Except JEDD or Residential Premises Located Within Springfield Township	Residential Premises Both Outside City And Inside Springfield Township
5/8	\$ 9.82	\$ 17.21	\$ 14.74
3/4	11.85	20.76	17.77
1	18.38	32.20	27.57
1-1/2	31.19	54.64	46.79
2	60.46	105.92	90.69
3	113.58	198.99	170.37
4	168.74	295.64	253.11
6	361.01	632.49	541.52
8	940.97	1,648.57	1,411.46
10	1,380.96	2,419.45	2,071.44
12	2,041.00	3,575.82	3,061.50

- (e) For any premises situated within the corporate limits or within the JEDD, and being supplied with water by the City's water system, the service charge shall be for the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use.

Monthly Rates
Effective January 1, 2026

First 200 cu. ft.
Next 3,800 cu. ft.
Next 36,000 cu. ft.
Next 160,000 cu. ft.
All over 200,000 cu. ft.

Monthly
Inside City Rate

*Minimum Charge
\$ 3.32 per 100 cu. ft.
2.99 per 100 cu. ft.
2.68 per 100 cu. ft.
2.48 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (h) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (f) For any premises situated outside the corporate limits except (1) premises inside the JEDD, or (2) residential premises located in Springfield Township, and being supplied with water by the City's water system, the service charge shall be for the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use.

Monthly Rates
Effective January 1, 2026

First 200 cu. ft.
Next 3,800 cu. ft.
Next 36,000 cu. ft.
Next 160,000 cu. ft.
All over 200,000 cu. ft.

Monthly
Outside City Rate

*Minimum Charge
\$ 5.82 per 100 cu. ft.
5.23 per 100 cu. ft.
4.70 per 100 cu. ft.
4.35 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (h) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (g) For any residential premises situated outside the corporate limits and within the Springfield Township, and being supplied with water by the City's water system, the service charge shall be for the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use.

Monthly Rates
Effective January 1, 2026

First 200 cu. ft.
Next 3,800 cu. ft.
Next 36,000 cu. ft.
Next 160,000 cu. ft.
All over 200,000 cu. ft.

Monthly Springfield
Township Residential Rate

*Minimum Charge
\$ 4.99 per 100 cu. ft.
4.48 per 100 cu. ft.
4.03 per 100 cu. ft.
3.73 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (h) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (h) Minimum Charges: the following minimum charges per month based on the following meter sizes shall be charged for water service. These rates are effective January 1, 2026.

Meter Size In Inches	Premises Inside City Or Inside JEDD	Premises Outside City Except JEDD or Residential Premises Located Within <u>Springfield Township</u>	Residential Premises Both Outside City And Inside <u>Springfield Township</u>
5/8	\$ 11.00	\$ 19.28	\$ 16.51
3/4	13.27	23.26	19.91
1	20.58	36.06	30.88
1-1/2	34.94	61.20	52.41
2	67.71	118.63	101.57
3	127.21	222.87	190.82
4	188.99	331.11	283.48
6	404.33	708.38	606.50
8	1,053.88	1,846.40	1,580.83
10	1,546.68	2,709.78	2,320.01
12	2,285.92	4,004.92	3,428.88

- (i) Voluntarily accepted additional service charges: The charges pertaining to a property owner's allocated share of total costs to design, construct, and collect costs related to City constructed water utility improvements benefiting the property and which a property owner has voluntarily accepted, in writing, as additional service charges. The voluntarily accepted additional service charges shall be billed to the customer receiving services at the property to which the voluntarily accepted additional service charges apply, regardless of changes in ownership, until paid in full.
- (j) No water service charge shall be imposed upon premises owned or operated by either the City of Springfield or by the Clark County Park District.

911.04 BULK WATER PURCHASES.

Subject to regulations duly adopted by the City Manager, persons may purchase water directly from the water treatment plant upon the payment of a registration fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar year, or any portion thereof, plus an additional fee each time water is purchased. Effective January 1, 2025, the rate for the additional fee will be ninety-two cents (\$0.92) for each 100 gallons of water or fraction thereof, each time water is purchased. Effective January 1, 2026, the rate for the additional fee will be one dollar and three cents (\$1.03) for each 100 gallons of water or fraction thereof, each time water is purchased. Bulk water purchases shall be in a minimum of 1,000 gallons.

917.02 SERVICE CHARGE RATES.

For the purpose as provided in Sections 917.01 and 917.06, there is levied and assessed upon such premises having any sewer connection with the sewage system of the City or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City sewage system, and upon the owner of such premises, a sewage service charge or rental at rates to be in effect and payable as hereinafter provided, and in the amount, as applicable, to be determined as follows:

- (a) For any premises situated within the corporate limits or within the JEDD, and having any connection with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewage system, the service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use and any increases in such quantity as provided pursuant to Section 916.02.

Monthly Rates	
<u>Inside City Rate Effective January 1, 2025</u>	
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 1,500 cu. ft.	\$ 5.80 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 31,700 cu. ft.	4.94 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 33,400 cu. ft.	4.91 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (e) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (b) For any premises situated outside the corporate limits except (1) premises inside the JEDD, or (2) residential premises located in Springfield Township, and being supplied with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewage system, the service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use and any increases in such quantity as provided pursuant to Section 916.02.

Monthly Rates	
<u>Outside City Rate Effective January 1, 2025</u>	
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 1,500 cu. ft.	\$ 11.59 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 31,700 cu. ft.	9.88 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 33,400 cu. ft.	9.82 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (e) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (c) For any residential premises situated outside the corporate limits and within Springfield Township, and having any connection with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial, wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewage system, the service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the

same is measured by the City water meter there in use and any increases in such quantity as provided pursuant to Section 916.02.

Monthly Rates	
<u>Springfield Township Residential Rate Effective January 1, 2025</u>	
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 1,500 cu. ft.	\$ 8.70 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 31,700 cu. ft.	7.41 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 33,400 cu. ft.	7.36 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (e) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (d) The maximum monthly charges for premises containing a one or two-family dwelling shall be based on the wintertime water usage as measured by the meter reading in February. The wintertime water usage shall be used to determine the sewer charge for the 12 month period beginning in May and continuing through the following April. In the event that a February water meter reading was not taken, or that the February water meter reading when multiplied by twelve does not reflect the true annual sewer usage, the Director of Finance shall base the sewer charges on the average monthly usage for the preceding year or on some other equitable basis which more accurately reflects the actual sewer usage. However, in no event shall charges per month be less than the minimum charges provided for each respective calendar year as shown in 917.02(e). Premises containing dwellings for three or more families, and commercial properties shall be charged at the rate set forth in subsections (a), (b), and (c) hereof.

- (e) Minimum Charges: the following minimum charges per month based on the following meter sizes shall be charged for sewer service. These rates are effective January 1, 2025.

Meter Size In Inches	Premises Inside City Or Inside JEDD	Premises Outside City Except JEDD or Residential Premises Located Within	Residential Premises Both Outside City And Inside
		<u>Springfield Township</u>	<u>Springfield Township</u>
5/8	\$ 26.43	\$ 52.86	\$ 39.65
3/4	33.71	67.43	50.57
1	42.51	85.02	63.77
1-1/2	70.87	141.74	106.31
2	103.57	207.13	155.35
3	223.25	446.50	334.88
4	365.21	730.41	547.81
6	717.49	1,434.99	1,076.25
8	1,449.51	2,899.02	2,174.27
10	2,118.98	4,237.96	3,178.47
12	3,085.31	6,170.62	4,627.96

- (f) For any premises situated within the corporate limits or within the JEDD, and having any connection with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into

the City's sewage system, the service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use and any increases in such quantity as provided pursuant to Section 916.02.

Monthly Rates	
<u>Inside City Rate Effective January 1, 2026</u>	
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 1,500 cu. ft.	\$ 5.86 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 31,700 cu. ft.	4.99 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 33,400 cu. ft.	4.96 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (j) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (g) For any premises situated outside the corporate limits except (1) premises inside the JEDD, or (2) residential premises located in Springfield Township, and being supplied with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewage system, the service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use and any increases in such quantity as provided pursuant to Section 916.02.

Monthly Rates	
<u>Outside City Rate Effective January 1, 2026</u>	
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 1,500 cu. ft.	\$ 11.71 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 31,700 cu. ft.	9.98 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 33,400 cu. ft.	9.92 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (j) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (h) For any residential premises situated outside the corporate limits and within Springfield Township, and having any connection with the sewage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial, wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewage system, the service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by the City water meter there in use and any increases in such quantity as provided pursuant to Section 916.02.

Monthly Rates	
<u>Springfield Township Residential Rate Effective January 1, 2026</u>	
First 200 cu. ft.	*Minimum Charge
Next 1,500 cu. ft.	\$ 8.78 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 31,700 cu. ft.	7.49 per 100 cu. ft.
All over 33,400 cu. ft.	7.44 per 100 cu. ft.

*Minimum charge is based on the size of the water meter as set forth in subsection (j) hereof and includes the 200 cubic feet.

- (i) The maximum monthly charges for premises containing a one or two-family dwelling shall be based on the wintertime water usage as measured by the meter reading in February. The wintertime water usage shall be used to determine the sewer charge for the 12 month period beginning in May and continuing through the following April. In the event that a February water meter reading was not taken, or that the February water meter reading when multiplied by twelve does not reflect the true annual sewer usage, the Director of Finance shall base the sewer charges on the average monthly usage for the preceding year or on some other equitable basis which more accurately reflects the actual sewer usage. However, in no event shall charges per month be less than the minimum charges provided for each respective calendar year as shown in 917.02(j). Premises containing dwellings for three or more families, and commercial properties shall be charged at the rate set forth in subsections (f), (g), and (h) hereof.
- (j) Minimum Charges: the following minimum charges per month based on the following meter sizes shall be charged for sewer service. These rates are effective January 1, 2026.

Meter Size In Inches	Premises Inside City Or Inside JEDD	Premises Outside City Except JEDD or Residential Premises Located Within Springfield Township	Residential Premises Both Outside City And Inside Springfield Township
5/8	\$ 26.70	\$ 53.39	\$ 40.05
3/4	34.05	68.10	51.08
1	42.94	85.87	64.41
1-1/2	71.58	143.16	107.38
2	104.60	209.20	156.90
3	225.48	450.97	338.22
4	368.86	737.72	553.29
6	724.67	1,449.34	1,087.01
8	1,464.01	2,928.01	2,196.01
10	2,140.17	4,280.34	3,210.25
12	3,116.16	6,232.32	4,674.24

- (k) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) through (o) hereof, one and two-family dwellings which are connected to the City sewage system, but not to the water system, and for which the Service Director has not required the installation of a water meter, will be billed at the following rate:

<u>Effective January 1, 2025</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Inside City Rate	\$ 55.44
Outside City Outside Springfield Township Rate	110.88
Outside City Inside Springfield Township Rate	83.16
 <u>Effective January 1, 2026</u>	 <u>Monthly</u>
Inside City Rate	\$ 55.99
Outside City Outside Springfield Township Rate	111.99
Outside City Inside Springfield Township Rate	84.00

Service to dwellings serving three or more families, not commercial properties, shall be charged at a rate to be determined by the City Manager.

- (l) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) through (o) hereof, non-residential premises that are connected to the City sewage system, but not to the water system, and for which the Service Director has not required the installation of a water meter, will be billed at the following rate:

<u>Effective January 1, 2025</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Inside City Rate	\$ 111.49
Outside City Rate	222.99

<u>Effective January 1, 2026</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Inside City Rate	\$ 112.61
Outside City Rate	225.22

- (m) If a lot, parcel of land, building, or premises discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids into the City sanitary sewage system, but is not a user of water supplied by the City, the Service Director may require the owner of such lot to install a meter measuring water being furnished to the lot in order to measure discharges into the City sanitary sewer system. The meter and its installation must be approved by the Service Director and arrangements satisfactory to the Finance Director must be made to obtain readings to measure sewer usage and generate an accurate bill. The owner's charges will then be based on the water usage as measured by such meter at rates set forth in 917.02.
- (n) If a lot, parcel of land, building or premises, discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids into the City sanitary sewage system, but is not a user of water supplied by the City, the owner of such lot may install a sewer meter or other device on the premises that will more truly measure discharges into the City sanitary sewer system, provided that such sewer meter or other device and its installation have been approved by the Service Director and arrangements satisfactory to the Finance Director have been made to obtain readings to measure sewer usage and generate an accurate bill.
- (o) If an owner of a lot, parcel of land, building or premises, that discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids into the City sanitary sewage system shows to the satisfaction of the Service Director that the volume of discharges into the City sanitary sewer is not fairly reflected by the amount of City water used on such lot, the owner of such lot may install a sewer meter or other device on the premises that will more truly measure discharges into the City sanitary sewer system, provided that such sewer meter or other device and its installation have been approved by the Service Director and arrangements satisfactory to the Finance Director have been made to obtain readings to measure sewer usage.
- (p) Voluntarily accepted additional service charges: The charges pertaining to a property owner's allocated share of total costs to design, construct, and collect

costs related to City constructed water utility improvements benefiting the property and which a property owner has voluntarily accepted, in writing, as additional service charges. The voluntarily accepted additional service charges shall be billed to the customer receiving services at the property to which the voluntarily accepted additional service charges apply, regardless of changes in ownership, until paid in full.

- (q) No sewage service charge shall be imposed upon premises owned or operated by either the City of Springfield or by the Clark County Park District.

917.11 SEPTAGE DISCHARGE FEES.

Subject to regulations duly adopted by the City Manager, persons or companies may use the dumping facility at the Springfield Wastewater Treatment Plant for truck discharge of residential septic tank waste or other liquid domestic sanitary waste upon the payment of a registration fee of \$50.00 per entity and a truck inspection fee of \$10.00 per truck used by such entity, per calendar year, or any remaining portion thereof, plus an additional fee for each 500 gallons of septage or fraction thereof, each time liquid domestic sanitary waste is dumped.

Effective January 1, 2025, the rate for the additional fee shall be \$53.21 for each 500 gallons of septage or fraction thereof, each time liquid domestic sanitary waste is dumped.

Effective January 1, 2026, the rate for the additional fee shall be \$53.74 for each 500 gallons of septage or fraction thereof, each time liquid domestic sanitary waste is dumped.

Liquid domestic sanitary waste discharges shall be billed based on the rated capacity of the registered truck.