

**Village of Lynchburg
Ordinance 2025-05
Amended Water Rates and Declaring and Emergency**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lynchburg reviews water rates annually, and the Council desires to have a separate legislation for each of the Village utilities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LYNCHBURG, HIGHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, WITH A 2/3 OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Lynchburg, State of Ohio, that

SECTION ONE:

Beginning 30 days after passage, the rates to be charged for water furnished by the Village Water Department to all consumers within the Village Corporation limits will be **\$27.28** for 0 to **2,000 gallons** plus **\$.937** surcharge for each additional 100 gallons. All unmetered properties with active connections will pay the minimum rate until the meters are installed. Amounts are to be billed on a monthly basis. The Village will bill for the actual amount shown by the meter reading except estimated bills may be rendered if access to a customer's meter was unobtainable for a timely reading for any reason.

SECTION TWO:

All monthly charges for water, sewer, trash, and any other Village billed utilities will be billed to each address or dwelling unit. Multi-family dwellings will be billed no less than the minimum allowable rates per address or dwelling unit even in the event the owner/manager may be receiving only one billing statement.

SECTION THREE:

In the event water rents and charges are not paid when due, a 10% late fee will be applied. In the event water rents and charges are not paid when due the charges shall be added and or the water meter shall be pulled and the water disconnected. If the bill is not paid by the shut off date, a processing/disconnect fee of **\$25.00** will be assessed and the service will not be reconnected unless all past due charges and the disconnect fee are paid in full. The delinquent customer will be assessed a reconnect fee of **\$25.00** when the service is reconnected. The Village will bill for the actual amount shown by the meter reading except estimated bills may be rendered if access to a customer's meter was unobtainable for a timely reading for any reason.

SECTION FOUR:

A deposit shall be required on all customers in the amount of **\$175.00** and a **\$10.00** service fee, which shall be deposited, retained, and disbursed according to law. A deposit is required for each meter at each property. **\$165.00** deposits received by homeowners, property owners, and or renters will be retained and applied to their final bill. Any remaining funds after the final bill is paid will be refunded in the form of a check.

SECTION FIVE:

Any customer tapping in the existing Village water distribution system must connect the property served at the customer's expense of **\$2,500.00** per dwelling unit. Any customer wishing to tap into the system where there is no existing water distribution system infrastructure, shall be responsible for all costs related to the extension of the existing water distribution system infrastructure plus the tap fee of **\$2,500.00**. All construction regarding the water distribution system infrastructure must be performed by Village contractors. All such fees must be paid in full to the Village before construction begins.

- A. Payment of the water tap fee obliges the Village to provide a meter and a 48-inch stub. Any digging or excavating to the existing infrastructure for installation of the lateral line or meter shall be the responsibility of the property owner/customer. All costs connecting to the system shall be the responsibility of the property owner, subject to the inspection and approval of the Village Administrator.
- B. No water service shall be provided until all of the above fees are paid to the Village.
- C. Payment of this fee entitles the property owner to connect to the Lynchburg water system and to receive water through said system as long as monthly charges are paid.
- D. The property owner paying these fees is not paying for any particular type, kind, size, or location of connection to the system, rather the prospective customer is paying fees directly related to a fair and apportioned part to the existing infrastructure of the water system including the piping, easements, pumps, plants, contracts, trained personnel and grounds necessary to the maintenance of operation of the water system in the Village of Lynchburg.
- E. There shall be no refund of any fees for termination of the water service.

- F. If an owner/customer is constructing a multiple-use facility such as an apartment building or commercial structure, fees will be assessed based upon:
- The presence of a prior existing tap
 - The estimated number of users
 - Any special circumstances related to the quantity of water necessary for the use, as determined by Council.
 - Each separate unit will require a separate meter.
- G. Monthly charges under this Ordinance shall be billed to each connection address or dwelling unit. In multiple dwelling units, the minimum charge will be billed as to each unit, even where the owner is sent a single statement. These individual charges will be an off-set to the statement sent to the owner of the multiple dwelling units.

SECTION SIX:

Bulk water rate will be \$4.00 per token. Each token will dispense 300 gallons at the bulk water dispensing station.

SECTION SEVEN:

The rates and charges provided herein may be adjusted by application to and approval by Village Council to promote economic development or to equitably apportion additional stress imposed on the system.

SECTION EIGHT:

This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure, and Council has dispensed of three necessary readings and is essential to the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Lynchburg, Ohio to immediately address the water deposit for new service for the Village and shall become effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

Vote: 10-0 passed

Date Passed: 4/10/2025

Mayor: James A. Carter

Council Members:

Judy A. Davis

Paul Muntar

Chris Teller

Christopher Haula

Alan Seely

Joe B.

Attested By: Andan L. Jones