

Ordinance No. 8-21

ORDINANCE: To amend Chapter 24 of the Rockville City Code, entitled “Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal,” by amending Article III, entitled “Rates and Charges,” to extend the current water and sewer usage charges and water and sewer ready to serve charges through December 31, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, that Chapter 24 of the Rockville City Code, entitled “Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal,” be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 24. WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

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ARTICLE III. - RATES AND CHARGES

Sec. 24-51 - Water consumption charge.

(a) In order to determine the consumption of water obtained from the mains of the City, the City Manager shall cause the meters installed as herein provided to be read monthly or quarterly and at such other times as the City Manager shall determine in order to bill timely in accordance with State Law. Within the corporate limits of the City, a charge as set forth in the following chart for fiscal years 2019 through 2021 and the first half of fiscal year 2022, ending December 31, 2021, per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water supplied, as determined from the readings of the meter, shall be made against the owner or owners of each premises supplied with water, and the charges shall be due and collectible monthly or quarterly.

Water Usage Rates [for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021]

Water Usage Charges Rate per 1,000 gallons Level (usage amount based on monthly or quarterly Tier charts below)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 <u>and</u> <u>the first half of</u> <u>FY 2022,</u> <u>ending</u> <u>December 31,</u> <u>2021</u>
Tier 1	\$5.34	\$5.61	\$5.61
Tier 2	\$8.22	\$8.63	\$8.63
Tier 3	\$12.75	\$13.39	\$13.39
Tier 4	\$17.21	\$18.07	\$18.07

Monthly Usage Tier Chart

Water Usage Monthly Use Meter size	Tier 1 (monthly use)	Tier 2 (monthly use)	Tier 3 (monthly use)	Tier 4 (monthly use)
5/8"	0-5,000	5,001-10,000	10,001-15,000	15,001+
3/4"	0-7,500	7,501-15,000	15,001-22,500	22,501+
1"	0-12,500	12,501-25,000	25,001-37,500	37,501+
1 1/2"	0-25,000	25,001-50,000	50,001-75,000	75,001+
2"	0-40,000	40,001-80,000	80,001-120,000	120,001+
3"	0-80,000	80,001-160,000	160,001-240,000	240,001+
4"	0-125,000	125,001-250,000	250,001-375,000	375,001+
6"	0-250,000	250,001-500,000	500,001-750,000	750,001+
8"	0-400,000	400,001-800,000	800,001-1,200,000	1,200,001+
10"	0-575,000	575,001-1,150,000	1,150,001-1,725,000	1,725,001+

Quarterly Usage Tier Chart

Water Usage Quarterly Use Meter size	Tier 1 (quarterly use)	Tier 2 (quarterly use)	Tier 3 (quarterly use)	Tier 4 (quarterly use)
5/8"	0-15,000	15,001-30,000	30,001-45,000	45,001+
3/4"	0-22,500	22,501-45,000	45,001-67,500	67,501+
1"	0-37,500	37,501-75,000	75,001-112,500	112,501+
1 1/2"	0-75,000	75,001-150,000	150,001-225,000	225,001+
2"	0-120,000	120,001-240,000	240,001-360,000	360,001+
3"	0-240,000	240,001-480,000	480,001-720,000	720,001+
4"	0-375,000	375,001-750,000	750,001-1,125,000	1,125,001+
6"	0-750,000	750,001-1,500,000	1,500,001-2,250,000	2,250,001+
8"	0-1,200,000	1,200,001-2,400,000	2,400,001-3,600,000	3,600,001+
10"	0-1,725,000	1,725,001-3,450,000	3,450,001-5,175,000	5,175,001+

(b)The established charges shall go into effect on July 1, of the fiscal year for which they have been established. The new charges will apply to the entire billing cycle and are not prorated.

(c) There shall be due from each user of the water system, a monthly ready to serve charge. The ready to serve charge may be collected monthly or quarterly. The amount of the charge shall be based on water meter size and is hereby established for fiscal years 2019 through 2021 and the first half of fiscal year 2022, ending December 31, 2021, as set forth in the following charts:

Monthly Ready to Serve Charges [for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021]

Monthly Water Ready To Serve Charge Meter Size	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021
5/8"	\$4.10	\$4.38	\$4.38
3/4"	\$6.15	\$6.57	\$6.57
1"	\$10.25	\$10.94	\$10.94
1 1/2"	\$20.50	\$21.89	\$21.89
2"	\$32.80	\$35.02	\$35.02
3"	\$65.60	\$70.04	\$70.04
4"	\$102.50	\$109.44	\$109.44
6"	\$205.00	\$218.89	\$218.89
8"	\$328.00	\$350.22	\$350.22
10"	\$471.50	\$503.44	\$503.44

Quarterly Ready to Serve Charges [for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021]

Quarterly Water Ready To Serve Charge Meter Size	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021
5/8"	\$12.30	\$13.13	\$13.13
3/4"	\$18.45	\$19.70	\$19.70
1"	\$30.75	\$32.83	\$32.83
1 1/2"	\$61.50	\$65.67	\$65.67
2"	\$98.40	\$105.07	\$105.07
3"	\$196.80	\$210.13	\$210.13
4"	\$307.50	\$328.33	\$328.33
6"	\$615.00	\$656.67	\$656.67
8"	\$984.00	\$1,050.67	\$1,050.67
10"	\$1,414.50	\$1,510.33	\$1,510.33

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, there shall be no charge for water provided for fire suppression. There shall be no charge for water provided to test or flush the system annually.

Sec. 24-52. - Sewer usage charge.

(a) There shall be due to the City from each user of its sewerage system and/or disposal plant for each property served by its system, the sum as set forth in the following charts for fiscal years 2019 through 2021 and the first half of fiscal year 2022, ending December 31, 2021, for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used by such property during the preceding three (3) months or at such other times as the City Manager shall determine in order to bill timely in accordance with State Law.

	FY 2019	FY 2020	<u>FY 2021 and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021</u>
Sewer Usage Charge All Meter Sizes, All Use Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$9.86	\$10.50	\$10.50

(b) No person using water obtained otherwise than from the water system of the City shall empty such water into the sewerage system of the City unless the water shall be measured through a meter owned or installed and owned by the City at the expense of such user, and quarterly thereafter shall be due to the City from each such user of its sewer system and/or disposal plant for each property so served by its system the sum as set forth in the following charts for fiscal years 2019 through 2021 and the first half of fiscal year 2022, ending December 31, 2021, for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used on such property during the preceding three (3) months or at such other times as the City Manager shall determine in order to bill timely in accordance with State Law.

	FY 2019	FY 2020	<u>FY 2021 and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021</u>
Sewer Usage Charge All Meter Sizes, All Use Rate per 1,000 Gallons	\$9.86	\$10.50	\$10.50

(c) Any person procuring water from the water system of the City, a substantial part of which water is not thereafter diverted into the sewerage system of the City, shall have the privilege of having a meter installed in compliance with permits issued by the City's Inspection Services Division and/or Department of Public Works at the expense of such water user, whereby that portion of the water purchased by him from the City and not thereafter diverted into its sewer system, may be measured, and in computing the amount due the City from such user, as a sewer usage charge, the amount of water so measured and not diverted into the sewerage system of the City shall be deducted from the total amount of water delivered to the user from the water system of the City. This additional meter shall only be read by the City if said meter is compatible with the technology used by the City for meter reading. This meter shall be privately installed, owned and maintained, and is not the responsibility of the City once installed.

(d) There shall be due from each user of the sewer system, a monthly ready to serve charge. The ready to serve charge may be collected monthly or quarterly. The amount of the charge shall be based on water meter size and is hereby established for fiscal years 2019 through 2021 and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021, as set forth in the following charts:

Monthly Ready to Serve Charges [for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021]

Monthly Sewer Ready To Serve Charge Meter Size	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 <u>and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021</u>
5/8"	\$4.63	\$5.08	\$5.08
3/4"	\$6.95	\$7.62	\$7.62
1"	\$11.58	\$12.71	\$12.71
1 1/2"	\$23.16	\$25.41	\$25.41
2"	\$37.05	\$40.66	\$40.66
3"	\$74.10	\$81.32	\$81.32
4"	\$115.78	\$127.06	\$127.06
6"	\$231.56	\$254.11	\$254.11
8"	\$370.49	\$406.58	\$406.58
10"	\$532.58	\$584.46	\$584.46

Quarterly Ready to Serve Charges [for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021]

Quarterly Sewer Ready To Serve Charge Meter Size	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 <u>and the first half of FY 2022, ending December 31, 2021</u>
5/8"	\$13.89	\$15.25	\$15.25
3/4"	\$20.84	\$22.87	\$22.87
1"	\$34.73	\$38.12	\$38.12
1 1/2"	\$69.47	\$76.23	\$76.23
2"	\$111.15	\$121.97	\$121.97
3"	\$222.29	\$243.95	\$243.95
4"	\$347.33	\$381.17	\$381.17
6"	\$694.67	\$762.33	\$762.33
8"	\$1,111.47	\$1,219.73	\$1,219.73
10"	\$1,597.73	\$1,753.37	\$1,753.37

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Note: [Brackets] indicate material deleted.

Underlining indicates material added.

Asterisks * * * indicate material unchanged by this ordinance.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of May 10, 2021.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations