

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE VIII, CHAPTER 805, SECTION 805.100 (“UTILITY ADMINISTRATION”) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, (“City” or “Republic”), is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the authority under State Statutes and the Municipal Code to set and adjust sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged the services of Burns & McDonnell to perform a rate assessment (herein, “Rate Study”) of the City’s current sewer rates and projected sewer rate needs, to facilitate the debt service on \$50M in State Revolving Funds, as required for the City to satisfy the SRF application requirements; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the City’s application for SRF loan funds, the City must demonstrate that its approved sewer rates will adequately fund the debt and can be implemented prior to the completion of the City’s ongoing wastewater treatment system improvements; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Rate Study, the City’s current sewer rates, set in 2021, are not sufficient to fund the debt within the permissible timeline, and must be increased in order for the City to successfully submit its application for the SRF loan funds; and

WHEREAS, the City scheduled a public hearing to be held on February 20, 2024 on the matter of the proposed increases to the City’s sewer rates; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 17, 2024, at least thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing, the City published a Notice of Public Hearing in *The Greene County Commonwealth*, a newspaper of general circulation within and throughout the City, advising the public of the date, time and location for said hearing; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, the Council conducted the public hearing, as scheduled and consistent with the above-referenced notice, at which time all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to speak and present evidence on the matter; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, and upon review of all pertinent materials provided and presentation from City staff, the Council hereby finds that approval of the proposed sewer rate adjustments is necessary to not only ensure timely completion of the wastewater treatment system improvements, but additionally to procure the remaining funds needed to complete the project from outside sources in order to reduce, and hopefully eliminate, the financial burden on the City’s residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Title VIII (“Fees”), Chapter 805 (“Fee Schedule”), Section 805.100 (“Utility Administration”), of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

Note: Language shown in **bold, underlined** text (other than the phrase “**UTILITY BILLING & ADMINISTRATION**”, which is shown in its current form) is to be added. Language shown in ~~stricken~~ text is to be removed.

805.100 Utility Administration

UTILITY BILLING & ADMINISTRATION

Utility Billing & Administration		
Fee Name	Fee Amount	Code Section
Late Fee	\$5.00 - may be waived under certain circumstances	Section 705.050(A)
Reconnection/Processing Fee	\$25.00 Plus Delinquent Bill Amount - may be waived under certain circumstances	Section 705.050(B)
Adjustments-Leaks	Charge for Normal Water Usage - Amount of Bill for 3 months prior Customer to pay 10% of the Remainder	Section 705.060
Bad Check Service Charge	\$20.00 Service Charge	Section 705.080
Users Outside City Limits - Voluntary Consent to Annex	50% Additional Charge for Service, with exception provisions	Section 705.130
Base charge per month for 1,500 gallons or less Surcharge for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 1,500 gallons per month or fraction thereof	<i>Inside City Rate:</i> 1,500 Gallons Base \$8.09 Surcharge 1,000 gallons \$3.81 <i>Outside City Rate:</i> 1,500 Gallons Base \$12.13 Surcharge 1,000 Gallons \$5.71	Section 705.150(D)
Utility Billing & Administration - Deposit		
Meter Connection Size	Deposit Amount	Code Section
5/8-inch water meter connection	\$150.00 Deposit	Section 705.170
1-inch water meter connection	\$250.00 Deposit	Section 705.170
2-inch water meter connection	\$500.00 Deposit	Section 705.170
3-inch water meter connection	\$700.00 Deposit	Section 705.170
4-inch water meter connection	\$1,000.00 Deposit	Section 705.170
6-inch water meter connection	\$1,500.00 Deposit	Section 705.170

8-inch water meter connection	\$2,000.00 Deposit	Section 705.170
Utility Billing & Administration - Hydrant Meter Deposit		
Meter Connection Size	Deposit Amount	Code Section
Temporary Metering devices under 2"	\$500 Deposit	Section 705.180
Temporary 2" or larger metering device	\$2000 Deposit	Section 705.180
Labor for Installation	\$50 Per Meter	Section 705.180
Extended Term Metering devices under 2"*	\$1,000.00 Deposit	Section 705.180
Extended Term Metering devices 2" or larger metering devices*	\$3000 Deposit	Section 705.180
Water Rate for Temporary Meters	1,500 Gallons Base \$30 Surcharge 1,000 gallons \$20	
* Requires lease long-term lease agreement with BUILDS department		
Utility Billing & Administration - Miscellaneous Charges		
Fee Name	Fee Amount	Code Section
Account Setup Fee	\$10.00	Section 705.190(A)
Subsequent Meter Installation Trip Charge	\$25.00	Section 705.190(B)
Meter Assembly (Installed) Charge - 5/8 X 3/4 inches	\$900	Section900Section 705.190(B)
Meter Assembly (Installed) Charge - 1 inch	\$1,250	Section250Section 705.190(B)
Meter Assembly (Installed) Charge - 2 inch	\$3,540	Section 705.190(B)
Meter Assembly (Installed) Charge - 3 inch	\$4,850	Section 705.190(B)
Meter Assembly (Installed) Charge - 4 inch	Quote on Request	Section 705.190(B)
Meter Assembly (Installed) Charge - 6 inch	Quote on Request	Section 705.190(B)
Turn-On Charge - (Customer Requested Temporary Disconnection No Longer than 48 Hours	\$25.00	Section 705.190(C)

Utility Billing & Administration - Sanitary Sewer Rates		
Base Charge Rate	Surcharge Rate	Code Section
Base charge per month for 1,500 gallons or less. Surcharge for each 1,000 gallons in excess of 1,500 gallons per month or fraction thereof.	<i>Inside City Rate:</i> 1,500 Gallons Base \$25.57 Surcharge 1,000 gallons \$15.19 <i>Outside City Rate:</i> 1,500 Gallons Base \$38.35 Surcharge 1,000 Gallons \$22.81	Section 705.210
Utility Billing & Administration - Sanitary Sewer Rates		
Fee Description	Fee Per Unit	Code Section
Extra Charge for Discharge of Excess BOD - Inside City Limits	\$.33 per pound of excess BOD discharged	Section 705.220.1(A)
Extra Charge for Discharge of Excess BOD - Outside City Limits	\$.50 per pound of excess BOD discharged	Section 705.220.1(B)
Extra Charge for Discharge for Excess TSS concentration - Inside City Limits	\$.26 per pound of excess per pound of excess TSS discharged	Section 705.220.2(A)
Extra Charge for Discharge for Excess TSS concentration - Outside City Limits	\$.39 per pound of excess TSS discharged	Section 705.220.2(B)
Extra Charge for Discharge of Excess Phosphorus - Inside City Limits	\$.53 per pound of excess phosphorus discharged	Section 705.220.3(A)
Extra Charge for Discharge of Excess Phosphorus - Outside City Limits	\$.80 per pound of excess phosphorus discharged	Section 705.220.3(B)
Extra Charge for Discharge of Toxic Substances	Customer liable for all costs incurred by the City.	Section 705.220.4
Impact Fee Schedules	See Tables Below	Section 705.250
Water Impact Fees - Section 705.250		
Meter Size (inches)	Water Impact Fee	Notes
<i>Impact Fees</i>		
5/8 or ¾	\$250	Single-family residential size and individual connections in "R-2" and "R-1Z", otherwise 1 inch
1	\$1,600	Minimum fee for "R-3"
2	\$3,200	Multi-family

3	\$4,800	Multi-family					
4 or Larger	\$6,500						
Sewer Impact Fees Section 705.250							
Meter Size (inches)	Sewer Impact Fee	Notes					
<i>Impact Fees</i>							
5/8 or ¾	\$850	Single-family residential size and individual connections in "R-2" and "R-1Z", otherwise 1 inch					
1	\$2,000	Minimum fee for "R-3"					
2	\$5,000	Multi-family					
3	\$13,500	Multi-family					
4 or Larger	\$18,000						
Customer Responsibilities Pertaining to Water Services							
Fee Description	Fee Amount	Code Section					
Water Service Line Inspection	\$50	Section 710.290(D)					
Sewer and Sewage Disposal							
Fee Description	Fee Amount	Code Section					
Sewer Lateral Inspection Fee Connection to Publicly-Owned Treatment Works	\$50	Section 715.130(1)					
Sewer Rates <u>2024-2029</u>							
	2023 Rate	2024 Rate	2025 Rate	2026 Rate	2027 Rate	2028 Rates	2029 Rates
Inside City Limits – Base Charge	\$25.57	\$26.85	\$28.19 31.68	\$29.60 36.75	\$31.08 42.26	43.11	43.97
Inside City Limits – Surcharge	\$15.19	\$15.95	\$16.75 18.82	\$17.59 21.83	\$18.46 25.11	25.61	26.12

Outside City Limits – Base Charge	\$38.35	\$40.27	\$42.28 <u>47.52</u>	\$44.40 <u>55.12</u>	\$46.62 <u>63.39</u>	<u>64.66</u>	<u>65.95</u>
Outside City Limits – Surcharge	\$22.81	\$23.95	\$25.14 <u>28.26</u>	\$26.40 <u>32.78</u>	\$27.72 <u>37.70</u>	<u>38.45</u>	<u>39.22</u>

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- Section 2:** All other Sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, not specifically referenced in this Ordinance, shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.
- Section 3:** The City Administrator or his/her designee, on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to execute this Ordinance.
- Section 4:** The whereas clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 5:** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision hereof is declared invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.
- Section 6:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Attest:

Matt Russell, Mayor

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: