

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 129

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.05 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE WATER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the cost of treating potable water at the City of Kent water treatment plant has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent needs to increase its charges to the utility customers that generate the water by three percent (3%) beginning in January, 2024 to cover said cost increases;

**WHEREAS**, the current rates do not generate sufficient funds to upgrade and maintain the infrastructure as needed or to cover the increased costs of the chemicals needed to process the water; and

**WHEREAS**, time is of the essence, to allow the rate increase to take effect with the first billing cycle in January, 2025.

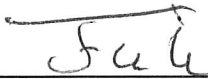
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That Section 913.05 of the Kent Codified Ordinances be amended to reflect a three percent (3%) increase in water treatment rates as shown in the attached draft, marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, effective for the first billing cycle in January, 2025.

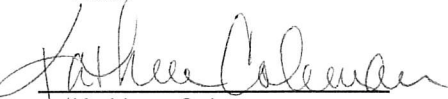
**SECTION 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: December 18, 2024  
Date

  
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Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: December 18, 2024  
Date

ATTEST:   
Kathleen Coleman  
Interim Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, INTERIM CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON December 18, 2024.

(SEAL)

  
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KATHLEEN COLEMAN

EXHIBIT "A"

913.05 RATES AND CHARGES: WATER REVENUE FUND.

(c) For the purposes provided in subsection (b) hereof, the following rates for the product and services of the system are hereby established:

Subject to the minimum charges described below:

Effective for the first billing cycle in January 2024 2025.

~~\$48.242~~ \$49.689 For each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed up to and including 100,000 cubic feet per month;

~~\$48.986~~ \$47.366 For each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 100,000 cubic feet per month up to and including 300,000 cubic feet per month; and

~~\$43.426~~ \$44.729 For each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 300,000 cubic feet per month.

MINIMUM CHARGE PER MONTH

Water Meter Line	Quantity (cu. Ft.)	Monthly Minimum Charges	
		Size Charge (inches)	
3/4 and 5/8	300		14.907
1	900		44.720
1.5	1800		89.441
2	2400		119.256
3	3400		168.945
4	4500		223.604
6	9000		447.208
8	15000		745.345
10	22500		1118.024
12	36000		1788.829

(d) In future years, rates for conducting and managing the water production system to supply potable water will increase as follows:

- (1) The water rate billing for ~~2024~~ 2025 will increase by three percent (3%);
- (2) The water rate billing ~~2024~~ 2025 and every year thereafter, will increase by three percent (3%);
- (3) City Council reserves the right to review these increases annually during the capital budget review.