

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 128

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 915.72 OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE SEWER 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 wastewater at the City of Kent wastewater treatment plant has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent needs to increase its charges to the utility customers that generate the wastewater by three percent (3%) beginning in January, 2025 to cover said cost increases;

**WHEREAS**, the current rates do not generate sufficient funds to upgrade and maintain the infrastructure as needed; 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 915.72 of the Kent Codified Ordinances be amended to reflect a three percent (3%) increase in wastewater 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

J. T. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: December 18, 2024  
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman  
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. 2024-128, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON December 18, 2024.

(SEAL)

Kathleen Coleman  
KATHLEEN COLEMAN

EXHIBIT "A"

915.72 WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES.

(g) For lots, parcels of land, building or premises using water exclusively supplied by the City, such sewage service charge or rental shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein, as measured by the City water meters installed or approved by the Director and shall be at the rate of ~~sixty seven dollars and 71.4 cents (\$67.714)~~ **sixty nine dollars and 77.6 cents** for each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed that in no event shall such sewage service charge or rental be less than the ~~\$67.744~~ **\$69.776** amount determined by application of the following schedules to each connection with the works which amount is hereby declared to a minimum charge.

(h) Effective for the first billing cycle January ~~2024~~ **2025**:

MINIMUM CHARGE PER MONTH

Water Meter Line Size Charge (inches)	Quantity (cu. Ft.)	Monthly Minimum Charges	
3/4 and 5/8		300	<del>20.22</del> <b>20.933</b>
1		900	<del>60.969</del> <b>62.798</b>
1.5		1800	<del>121.938</del> <b>125.597</b>
2		2400	<del>162.585</del> <b>167.462</b>
3		3400	<del>230.329</del> <b>237.239</b>
4		4500	<del>304.847</del> <b>313.992</b>
6		9000	<del>609.693</del> <b>627.984</b>
8		15000	<del>1016.156</del> <b>1046.640</b>
10		22500	<del>1524.234</del> <b>1570.123</b>
12		36000	<del>2438.965</del> <b>2512.134</b>

- (i) Thereafter, the rates for processing sewage will increase as follows:
  - (1) The sewer rate billing in ~~2024~~ **2025** will increase by three percent (3%.)
  - (2) The sewer rate billing in ~~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.