

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 41-22

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND – PART NINE – STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES, TITLE THREE – PUBLIC UTILITIES, CHAPTER 911 WATER, SECTION 911.07(D) CAPACITY CHARGE FOR WATER OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster owns and operates multiple water facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City amended Section 911.07(d) in permanent Ordinance 30-22 passed by Lancaster City Council on October 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in passing Permanent Ordinance 30-22, the fire capacity fees were inadvertently left unchanged because they were still under review when the request for legislation was completed; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended rate adjustments to the fire capacity fees and so those fees need to be changed in accordance with the rate study;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That Part Nine – Streets, Utilities and Public Services, Title Three – Public Utilities, Chapter 911 Water, Section 911.07(d) be amended as follows:

911.07 CAPACITY CHARGE FOR WATER.

(d) The charge shall be determined in accordance with the following:

TABLE 1

(1) PROPERTY INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS
DOMESTIC USE ONLY

Water Meter Size	Capacity Fee
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$ 3,690
1 inch	6,149
1 1/2 inch	12,299
2 inch	19,678
4 inch	61,493
6 inch	112,986
8 inch	221,375
10 inch	356,660
12 inch	528,840

Fees for meters larger than 12 inch will be determined on an individual basis.

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Water Meter Size	Capacity Fee
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$ 3,690
1 inch	6,149
1 1/2 inch	12,299
2 inch	19,678
4 inch	59,346
6 inch	118,336
8 inch	189,409
10 inch	497,509
12 inch	627,928

Fees for meters larger than 12 inch will be determined on an individual basis.

TABLE 2
~~(2) PROPERTY INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS FIRE PURPOSES ONLY-NO WATER METER~~

Tap Size	Capacity Fee
1 inch	\$ 778
1 1/2 inch	1,750
2 inch	3,111
4 inch	12,445
6 inch	28,000
8 inch	49,750

~~Fees for taps larger than 8 inch will be determined on an individual contract basis. If domestic line is used also with fire line, Section (3) is also applicable.~~

~~The capacity charge for water, for fire purposes only, may be waived by the Service Safety Director for existing structures located in a Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, designated as a Designated Landmark, or within the Downtown Lancaster Special Improvement District when a sprinkler system is added on each floor as an incentive to preserve existing structures from the threat of fire by the addition of fire suppression. The approval of the sprinkler plans and completion of the plans are conditions of the waiver.~~

TABLE 2

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**PROPERTY INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS
FIRE PURPOSES ONLY-NO WATER METER**

Tap Size	Capacity Fee
1 inch	\$ 1,057
1 1/2 inch	2,378
2 inch	4,228
4 inch	16,911
6 inch	38,049
8 inch	67,605
10 inch	120,119
12 inch	213,426

Fees for taps larger than 12 inch will be determined on an individual contract basis. If domestic line is used also with fire line, Section (3) is also applicable.

The capacity charge for water, for fire purposes only, may be waived by the Service-Safety Director for existing structures located in a Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, designated as a Designated Landmark, or within the Downtown Lancaster Special Improvement District when a sprinkler system is added on each floor as an incentive to preserve existing structures from the threat of fire by the addition of fire suppression. The approval of the sprinkler plans and completion of the plans are conditions of the waiver.

**(3) PROPERTY INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS FIRE
LINE WITH DOMESTIC METER**

When customer requests a fire line, one large line capable of providing the required fire flow be installed from the distribution system and that the domestic service be tapped off the fire line inside the structure where a meter is installed to record domestic flow for billing purposes. The charges shall be determined in accordance with the following.

Customer to be charged the scheduled meter size for the domestic line found in TABLE 1 plus the fee located in TABLE 2.

TABLE 3**(4) PROPERTY OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS CONNECTING TO AN EXISTING LINE FOR DOMESTIC USE ONLY**

Water Meter Size	Capacity Fee
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$ 5,535
1 inch	9,224
1 1/2 inch	18,449
2 inch	29,517
4 inch	92,240
6 inch	184,479
8 inch	332,063
10 inch	534,990
12 inch	793,260

Fees for taps larger than 12 inch will be determined on an individual basis. **Effective January 1, 2023**

Water Meter Size	Capacity Fee
5/8 or 3/4 inch	\$ 5,535
1 inch	9,224
1 1/2 inch	17,591
2 inch	28,251
4 inch	89,019
6 inch	177,504
8 inch	284,133
10 inch	746,264
12 inch	941,892

Fees for taps larger than 12 inch will be determined on an individual basis.

TABLE 4**(5) PROPERTY OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS CONNECTING TO EXISTING LINE FOR FIRE PURPOSE ONLY**

Tap Size	Capacity Fee
1 inch	\$ 1,167
1 1/2 inch	3,625
2 inch	4,647
4 inch	18,670
6 inch	42,000
8 inch	74,500

~~Fees for taps larger than 8 inch will be determined on an individual contract basis. If domestic line is used also with fire line, Section (6) is also applicable.~~

TABLE 4

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(5) PROPERTY OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS CONNECTING TO EXISTING LINE FOR FIRE PURPOSE ONLY

Tap Size	Capacity Fee
1 inch	\$ 1,586
1 1/2 inch	3,567
2 inch	6,341
4 inch	25,367
6 inch	57,073
8 inch	101,407
10 inch	180,179
12 inch	320,139

Fees for taps larger than 12 inch will be determined on an individual contract basis. If domestic line is used also with fire line, Section (6) is also applicable.

(6) PROPERTY OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS CONNECTING TO AN EXISTING LINE FOR FIRE LINE WITH DOMESTIC METER

When a customer requests a fire line, one large line capable of providing the required fire flows be installed from the distribution system and that the domestic service be tapped off the fire line inside the structure where a meter is installed to record domestic flows for billing purposes. The charges shall be determined in accordance with the following:

Customers to be charged the scheduled meter size for domestic line found in TABLE 3 plus the fee located in TABLE 4.

(e) Credit for Existing Tap. In the event of an existing lot having service and the owner would like to increase the size of the tap/meter, a one-time credit would be given. Credit would be determined by subtracting the price of the existing tap/meter from the price of the increased tap/meter. The owner then would be responsible for the difference of the two. This fee would then have to be paid when tap application is filed with the Division of Water.

(f) Property Outside Corporate Limits That Does Not Have An Existing City Maintained Line. The Superintendent of Water along with the City Engineer, Mayor, and/or Service Director and Law Director may negotiate with areas outside corporate limits of Lancaster. Negotiated contract must be approved by a simple majority of City Council.

SECTION 2. That Council hereby finds that all formal actions of Council and any of its committees relating to the passage of this ordinance were made in meetings open to the public, and that all deliberations of Council and any of its committees that resulted in these formal actions were held in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City, and more specifically because this ordinance is required to be immediately effective in order to comply with the terms and conditions of the Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 and the Wastewater System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2016; wherefor this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water/Water Pollution Control Committee

I, Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2022 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council