

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 15-24

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 918.04(B) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER ENTITLED "USER RATES AND CHARGES"

WHEREAS, Lancaster Codified Ordinances Section 918.02 requires that the City periodically review its Stormwater Utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Utility has historically performed a rate studies every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, with the previous rate study having been performed in 2018 for the five (5) year period between 2019 and 2023, the Stormwater Utility initiated a rate study in 2023 to analyze the necessary rates for the five (5) year period between 2024 and 2028 given the Utility's capital improvement project needs during that period; and

WHEREAS, the rate study shows that rate increases are necessary to cover the Utility's capital improvement needs, and the Stormwater Utility hereby recommends that rates be increased to provide for these needs; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That Section 918.04(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster be amended as follows:

918.04 USER RATES AND CHARGES

- (b) The charge as prescribed in the rate schedule is as follows.
- (1) \$4.64 per month per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) based on twelve (12) months per year.
 - (2) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2009, \$5.00 per ERU.
 - (3) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2010, \$5.50 per ERU.
 - (4) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2011, \$6.25 per ERU.
 - (5) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2012, \$7.00 per ERU.
 - (6) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2013, \$7.64 per ERU.
 - (7) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2025, \$8.43 per ERU.
 - (8) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2026, \$9.25 per ERU.
 - (9) Beginning with the first billing period in January 2027, \$10.15 per ERU.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water/Water Pollution Control Committee

I, Kristina Crites, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2024 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council