

ORDINANCE 2025-48

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF, OHIO.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF, OHIO:

For the purpose of providing for the cost of furnishing, management, maintenance, operation, repair, and capital improvement of the Village of DeGraff water the following rates, charges, fees, and penalties shall be charged by the water works department of the Village of DeGraff as follows:

SECTION 1:

- A. Water rates for consumers within the Village Corporation, minimum service charge shall be \$34.50 for the first 2,000 gallons

SECTION 2:

- A. Water rates for consumers outside of the Village Corporation limit, minimum service charge shall and usage rates shall be an additional 1.5 times the current rate

SECTION 3:

- A. Water consumption exceeding 2,000 gallons for Village Corporation residents shall be charged \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons used.
- B. Water consumption exceeding 2,000 gallons for out of corporation residents shall be charged \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 4:

- A. Fees and Charges
 - 1. Reconnection Fee \$25.00
(Ordinance No. 2025-47, Section I, J, 1-7, 1-26)
 - 2. Returned Payment Fee charged at Current bank rate
(Ordinance No. 2025-47 Section 1-27)
 - 3. Penalty Fee – Late Payment 15% (Ordinance No. 2025-47, Section G)
 - 4. Bulk Water Fee \$15.00 per 1,000 Gallons
(Ordinance No. 2025-47, Section 1-29)
 - 5. Meter (damaged) cost of material plus \$15.00
(Ordinance No. 2025-47, Section 2-6)
 - 6. Service Availability Debt Fee \$9.40 Monthly
(Assessed on inactive accounts in accordance with Ordinance No. 2025-47, Section 2-8F & 2-8G)

SECTION 4 (CONTINUED):

- B. Water Deposit Fee
 - 1. Owner \$69.00
 - 2. Renter \$69.00
- C. Schedule a Tap-In Fee
 - 1. ¾" \$1500.00
 - 2. 1" \$1700.00
 - 3. Anything above 1" shall be charged for time, materials, and system fees.
 - 4. This shall be charged for all new taps not included in the schedule of tap-in fees
- D. System Fees
 - 1. Backhoe Operation \$125.00/hour
 - 2. Labor \$50.00/ hour per employee
 - 3. Tap fees for development shall be negotiated; along with approval of prints.

SECTION 5: Nonsufficient Funds

A. The Village finds it necessary to limit the number of non-sufficient funds (NSF) received from residents. After the 3rd NSF received in 1 year, the resident will be required to pay by money order or cash only. After a period of twelve (12) consecutive months during which the resident incurs no penalties or additional NSF payments, the account holder may again be permitted to make payments by check, card, or cash. If, following reinstatement, the resident incurs an additional three (3) NSF payments, the account holder shall thereafter be permanently required to make all payments by cash or money orders only, with no further eligibility for reinstatement of check or card privileges.

SECTION 6: Guaranteed Deposits

- A. Deposits collected for water service shall be applied to the customer's final bill upon termination of service. Any credit balance remaining after application of the deposit shall be refunded to the owner or tenant of record. If the final bill exceeds the amount of the deposit, the remaining balance shall be the responsibility of the prior owner or tenant. Unpaid amounts may, at the discretion of the Village, be transferred to the account of the new owner or tenant associated with the property served.
- B. In the case of a final bill not being paid, the Village of DeGraff Council has the ability to proceed with legal action.

PASSED: 11/4/25



President of Council

APPROVED: 11/4/25



Mayor

ATTEST: 11/4/25

Kaitlyn M. Bailey
Fiscal Officer

I, Kaitlyn M. Bailey, Clerk of the Village of DeGraff, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2025-48 Passed by Council of said Village on the 4th day of November, 2025.

Kaitlyn M. Bailey
Fiscal Officer

