

North Canton City Council
Water, Sewer, and Rubbish Committee

ORDINANCE 23 - 2021

An ordinance amending Part 9, Streets, Utilities, and Public Service, Title 3, Utilities, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton specifically Chapter 927, Sewer Rentals, Chapter 937, Water Rates, and Chapter 939, Special Water and Sewer Rates for Elderly and Disabled, to set water and sewer rates through 2026.

WHEREAS, a study of the City’s water rates, revenues, and assets has been completed which recommends that water rates be raised by up to 5% annually; and

WHEREAS, a study of the City’s sewer rates, revenues, and assets has been completed which recommends that sewer rates be raised by up to 15% annually; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks sufficient personnel to effectively administer the special rate reductions established by Chapter 939; and

WHEREAS, the City shall complete another regular water rate study by the end of 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Chapter 927, Sewer Rentals, specifically Section 927.07, Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

SECTION 927.07 RATES

Pursuant to the authority of Section 927.01 sewer rates or charges for sewer users of the sanitary sewer system of the City of North Canton shall be as follows for the City of North Canton’s portion of costs to maintain infrastructure:

User	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Residential	\$8.05	\$9.26	\$10.65	\$12.25	\$14.09
Commercial/ Industrial Minimum Monthly Charge	\$5.75	\$6.61	\$7.60	\$8.74	\$10.05
Commercial/ Industrial Charge for each additional Gallons	\$1.15	\$1.32	\$1.52	\$1.75	\$2.01

Note: All rates shall take effect on January 1 of the listed year.

All charges or future increases from outside entities shall be passed on to the users of the sanitary sewer system of the City of North Canton and the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to institute said increases.

Section 2. That Chapter 937, Water Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, specifically Section 937.01, Water Rates, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

SECTION 937.01 WATER RATES

(a) Rate Structure for Residential Premises Inside City Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Monthly Consumption in Gallons	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
0 – 15,000	\$5.84	\$6.13	\$6.44	\$6.63	\$6.83
15,001 – 30,000	\$6.69	\$7.02	\$7.37	\$7.59	\$7.82
30,001 – 40,000	\$7.75	\$8.14	\$8.55	\$8.81	\$9.07
40,001 and up	\$8.39	\$8.81	\$9.25	\$9.53	\$9.82

Note: All rates shall take effect on January 1 of the listed year.

(b) Rate Structure for Residential Premises Outside the City Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Monthly Consumption in Gallons	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
0 – 15,000	\$10.99	\$11.54	\$12.12	\$12.48	\$12.85
15,001 – 30,000	\$11.78	\$12.37	\$12.99	\$13.38	\$13.78
30,001 – 40,000	\$12.77	\$13.41	\$14.08	\$14.50	\$14.94
40,001 and up	\$13.39	\$14.06	\$14.76	\$15.20	\$15.66

Note: All rates shall take effect on January 1 of the listed year.

(c) Rate Structure for Business Premises Located Inside Corporate Limits of City Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Monthly Consumption in Gallons	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
0 – 40,000	\$5.84	\$6.13	\$6.44	\$6.63	\$6.83
40,001 and up	\$5.30	\$5.57	\$5.85	\$6.03	\$6.21

Note: All rates shall take effect on January 1 of the listed year.

(d) Rate structure for Business Premises Located Outside Corporate Limits of City Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Monthly Consumption in Gallons	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
0 – 15,000	\$10.99	\$11.54	\$12.12	\$12.48	\$12.85
15,001 – 30,000	\$9.99	\$10.49	\$11.01	\$11.34	\$11.68
30,001 – 40,000	\$9.00	\$9.45	\$9.92	\$10.22	\$10.53
40,001 and up	\$8.00	\$8.40	\$8.82	\$9.08	\$9.35
Bulk Rate	\$4.57	\$4.80	\$5.04	\$5.19	\$5.35

Note: All rates shall take effect on January 1 of the listed year.

(e) Rate structure for North Canton Filling Station Bulk Water Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Bulk Rate	\$8.00	\$8.40	\$8.82	\$9.26	\$9.54	\$9.83

Note: All rates shall take effect on January 1 of the listed year.

(f) That monthly minimum billings for water service shall be based on the size of the meter installed. When more than one single premises, as hereinafter defined, is being served by a single meter, the minimum monthly charge shall be as follows:

(1) Multiple Residential:

(A) The minimum monthly charge for a 5/8 inch meter multiplied by the number of single premises serviced or the calculated water bill for the actual consumption measured, whichever is greater.

(2) Converted Residential Buildings:

(A) For computing minimum bills, a residential building converted to commercial usage that retains a 5/8 inch meter and that houses any of the following: office rooms and/or business rooms and/or apartments then each of the following shall constitute a single premise: each room or suite of rooms located on the first floor of the building used for single occupancy by a person or persons in the conduct of a single enterprise.

The minimum monthly charge multiplied by the number of single premises serviced or the calculated water bill for the actual consumption measured, whichever is greater.

(B) In the event of a fire, the City shall estimate the water usage and shall bill for the water usage based on the current rate. This estimate shall be provided by the Director of Finance and shall be based on the number of sprinkler heads activated during the fire and based on the amount of discharge each head permits.

Size of Meter (Inches)	Minimum Monthly Consumption in Gallons	
	Premises Located Inside Corporate Limits	Premises Located Outside Corporate Limits
5/8	2,000	3,000
1	8,000	8,000
1 ½	17,000	17,000
2	25,000	25,000
3	33,000	33,000
4	50,000	50,000
6	75,000	75,000
8	125,000	125,000
10	210,000	210,000
12	375,000	375,000

Section 3. That Chapter 937, Water Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, specifically Section 937.02, Meter Reading and Billing, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

SECTION 937.02 METER READING AND BILLING

(a) Meters shall be read and billed monthly or quarterly at the option of the City.

(b) Effective January 1, 2022, all bills for current services together with any additional charges from whatever source shall be increased by ten (10%) percent, and the amount so increased shall be the gross bill. If the bill is paid within 15 days after it is rendered, a discount shall be issued and the net bill consisting of all the foregoing charges without the ten (10%) percent increase shall be accepted as payment in full.

(c) Whenever water service has been turned off for non-payment or non-compliance with any of the terms and conditions or rules and regulations of Chapter 937, the past due amount shall be paid in full before water service shall be turned on.

Section 4. That Chapter 937, Water Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, specifically Section 937.04, Water Turn-on Charge, be, and is hereby, repealed in its entirety effective January 1, 2022.

Section 5. That Chapter 939, Special Water and Sewer Rates for Elderly and Disabled, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, be, and is hereby, repealed in its entirety, effective January 1, 2022.

Section 6. That the Clerk of Council and Mayor of the City of North Canton be, and are hereby, authorized to make such amendments as may be needed to the codified ordinances of the City of North Canton to accurately reflect this ordinance upon approval of such amended pages by a voice vote of Council.

Section 7. That if a provision of this ordinance is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance.

Section 8. That except as otherwise specified herein this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 12th day of April, 2021.

Attest: Benjamin R. Young
Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

Stephan B. Wilder Signed on: 12 April 2021
Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor