

ORDINANCE NO. 07132026a

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GALATIA, ILLINOIS; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS, PERIODIC RATE REVIEW, BILLING, COLLECTION, PENALTIES, TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Galatia, Saline County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish equitable rates and charges for the use of the Village of Galatia wastewater collection and treatment system; to provide sufficient revenues for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of the wastewater system; and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF PRIOR RATE ORDINANCES

All ordinances, resolutions, rate schedules, and portions previously adopted by the Village establishing wastewater service rates and charges that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded in their entirety.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION OF RATES

The wastewater rates established herein shall apply to all residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, institutional, and other customers connected to and utilizing the Village of Galatia wastewater collection and treatment system unless otherwise specifically provided by ordinance or a written contract approved by the Village Board.

Wastewater usage shall be determined by metered water consumption or by such other method as may be approved by the Village.

SECTION 4. WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE

Effective **July 1, 2026**, the following monthly wastewater service rates shall apply:

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SALINE COUNTY

A. Minimum Monthly Charge

A minimum monthly charge of **Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$16.25)** shall be assessed for the first **Two Thousand (2,000)** gallons of water consumed.

B. Additional Usage Charge

For all usage exceeding Two Thousand (2,000) gallons per month, a charge of **Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$8.75)** shall be assessed for each additional One Thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof.

C. Official Rate Schedule

Monthly Usage	Monthly Sewer Charge
First 2,000 gallons	\$16.25
Each additional 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof	\$8.75

SECTION 5. ANNUAL AUTOMATIC RATE ADJUSTMENT

Beginning **June 1, 2027**, and on June 1 of each year thereafter, all wastewater rates, charges, fees, and minimum billing amounts established by this Ordinance shall automatically increase by **three percent (3.0%) annually**.

The Village Clerk shall calculate and publish the adjusted rates, rounded to the nearest cent, and such adjusted rates shall become effective without further action by the Village Board unless modified by ordinance.

SECTION 6. MANDATORY THREE-YEAR RATE REVIEW

The Village Board shall conduct a comprehensive review of the wastewater rate structure at least once every **three (3) years**.

The review shall consider:

1. Operation and maintenance expenses;
2. Repair and replacement needs;
3. Debt service obligations;
4. Capital improvement requirements;

5. Regulatory compliance costs;
6. Inflation and economic conditions;
7. User demand and system capacity; and
8. Financial reserves necessary to ensure continued operation of the wastewater utility.

Following such review, the Village Board may amend rates by ordinance as necessary to maintain the financial integrity of the wastewater system.

Failure to conduct a review within the prescribed period shall not invalidate the rates established herein.

SECTION 7. BILLING AND PAYMENT

Wastewater service charges shall be billed monthly and shall be due and payable in accordance with the Village's utility billing procedures.

All charges not paid by the due date shall be considered past due.

Failure to receive a bill shall not relieve any customer of the obligation to pay all charges when due, nor shall it prevent an account from becoming delinquent and subject to enforcement action under this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, PENALTIES, AND TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE

Any account remaining unpaid for a period of **thirty (30) days after the due date** shall be deemed delinquent.

Upon becoming delinquent, the customer shall be responsible for payment of:

1. The entire outstanding balance;
2. A late payment penalty equal to **ten percent (10%) of the outstanding balance**;
3. Any applicable administrative fees, collection costs, attorney fees where permitted by law, and reconnection fees.

The total amount due shall therefore consist of the **full outstanding balance plus an additional ten percent (10%) late payment penalty.**

The Village shall provide any notice required by Illinois law and Village policy prior to disconnection of service.

If the delinquent balance and all penalties are not paid in full following the required notice period, the Village may:

- a. Assess all applicable penalties and fees;
- b. Certify the delinquent amount for collection;
- c. Pursue lien remedies and collection actions authorized by law;
- d. Recover attorney fees, court costs, and collection expenses where permitted by law; and
- e. **Disconnect water service to the premises served by the delinquent account.**

Because wastewater service is furnished in conjunction with and dependent upon water service, **all wastewater accounts that remain unpaid for more than thirty (30) days after the due date shall be subject to water service disconnection.**

SECTION 9. RECONNECTION OF SERVICE

Water service shall not be restored until:

1. All delinquent water and wastewater charges have been paid in full;
2. All late fees, penalties, collection costs, and other charges have been paid in full; and
3. **A reconnection fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** has been paid to the Village.

The Village shall not restore service until all amounts due under this Ordinance have been satisfied.

SECTION 10. LIEN AUTHORITY

In addition to all other remedies provided herein or by Illinois law, unpaid wastewater charges, penalties, interest, administrative fees, collection costs, attorney fees, and reconnection fees may be certified, recorded, and collected as a lien against the property receiving service to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Village may pursue foreclosure or any other collection remedy authorized by Illinois law to recover delinquent utility charges.

SECTION 11. CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

The remedies provided by this Ordinance shall be cumulative and shall not limit the Village's right to pursue any legal or equitable remedy authorized by Illinois law.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on **July 1, 2026**, after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Galatia, Saline County, Illinois, this 13 day of July, 2026.

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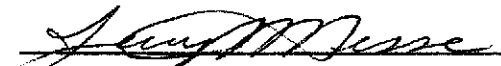
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APPROVED this 13 day of July, 2026.

Derrick A. Fletcher

Village President

ATTEST:


Village Clerk

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SUMMARY OF ADOPTED RATES AND FEES

Item	Amount
First 2,000 gallons	\$16.25
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.75
Annual Automatic Increase	3% effective June 1 each year
Mandatory Rate Review	Every 3 years
Delinquent Account	30 days past due
Late Fee	Outstanding Balance + 10% Penalty
Water Shutoff	Authorized after required notice
Reconnection Fee	\$50.00
Property Lien Authority	Authorized by Illinois law

This Ordinance supersedes all prior wastewater rate schedules and sewer rate ordinances of the Village of Galatia that are inconsistent with its provisions.