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COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
SALINE COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED WATER 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, RECONNECTION FEES, 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 municipal water distribution system; to provide sufficient revenues for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of the water 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by the Village establishing water service rates and charges that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded in their entirety.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION OF RATES

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

Water usage shall be determined by meter readings obtained from Village-owned metering equipment or by such other method as may be approved by the Village.

The rates, charges, fees, penalties, reconnection fees, and other amounts established by this Ordinance shall apply equally to all residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, institutional, wholesale, and other customers receiving water service from the Village unless otherwise provided by a written contract or agreement duly approved by the Village Board and executed by authorized representatives of the Village.

No customer shall be entitled to a rate, fee, charge, exemption, or adjustment different from those established herein except pursuant to such written agreement or as otherwise required by applicable law.

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.

Water service shall be subject to automatic disconnection when an account remains unpaid for more than thirty (30) days after the due date and all required notices have been provided.

SECTION 9. RECONNECTION OF SERVICE

Water service shall not be restored until:

1. All delinquent charges have been paid in full;
2. All late fees, penalties, collection costs, and other charges have been paid in full; and
3. The applicable reconnection fee has been paid.

The reconnection fees shall be:

A. Standard Reconnection Fee: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

B. Same-Day Reconnection Fee: One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)

Customers requesting restoration of service on the same business day payment is received shall be assessed the Same-Day Reconnection Fee.

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 water charges, penalties, interest, administrative fees, collection costs, attorney fees, and reconnection

SECTION 4. WATER RATE SCHEDULE

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

A. Minimum Monthly Charge

A minimum monthly charge of Twenty Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$20.75) shall be assessed for the first Two Thousand (2,000) gallons of water consumed.

B. Additional Usage Charges

1. For all usage exceeding Two Thousand (2,000) gallons and up to Eight Thousand (8,000) gallons per month, a charge of Six Dollars (\$6.00) shall be assessed for each additional One Thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof.
2. For all usage exceeding Eight Thousand (8,000) gallons per month, a charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be assessed for each additional One Thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof.

C. Official Rate Schedule

Monthly Usage | Monthly Water Charge

First 2,000 gallons | \$20.75

2,001 – 8,000 gallons | \$6.00 per additional 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof

Over 8,000 gallons | \$10.00 per additional 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof

SECTION 5. ANNUAL AUTOMATIC RATE ADJUSTMENT

Beginning July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, all water 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 water 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. Water demand and system capacity; and
8. Financial reserves are necessary to ensure continued operation of the water utility.

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

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

SECTION 7. BILLING AND PAYMENT

Water 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 were 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.

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.

AYES:

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NAYS:

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ABSENT:

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ABSTAIN:

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APPROVED this 13 day of July, 2026.

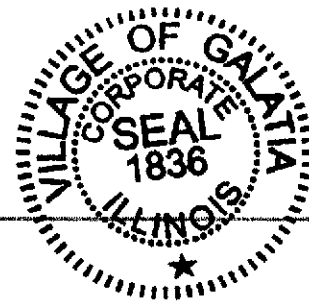


 Derrick A. Flecher

Village President

ATTEST:


Village Clerk



SUMMARY OF ADOPTED RATES AND FEES

Item | Amount

First 2,000 gallons | \$20.75

2,001 – 8,000 gallons | \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons

Over 8,000 gallons | \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons

Annual Automatic Increase | 3% effective July 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

Standard Reconnection Fee | \$50.00

Same-Day Reconnection Fee | \$100.00

Property Lien Authority | Authorized by Illinois law

Customer Classifications | Applies equally to all customer classes unless modified by
Board-approved contract

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