

**ORDINANCE 2-2021**

Introduced by: Fegel

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF TRAPPE TO AMEND SECTION 14 OF THE TRAPPE TOWN CODE TITLED “WATER AND SEWER”, TABLE 1 TITLED “FEES AND CHARGES” TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY WATER USAGE RATE TO \$4.70 PER THOUSAND GALLONS, AND THE MONTHLY SEWER USAGE RATE TO \$10.98 PER THOUSAND GALLONS**

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Environmental Article § 9-705 and the Trappe Town Charter § 707 authorize the Town to construct, operate, modify and maintain a water and sewerage system; and

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Environmental Article § 9-723 through 9-726 and the Trappe Town Charter § 718 authorize the Town to establish rates, fees and charges for municipal water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, Md. Code Ann. Environmental Article § 9-811 requires a municipality that issues bonds in connection with its water and sewer infrastructure to charge sufficient rates to cover the debts associated with the system, as well as an amount to cover all expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of the system; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Trappe has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to amend Table 1 of Chapter 14, to increase the water and sewer rates as set forth in this Ordinance to enable the Town to meet its operation, maintenance and debt service obligations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Trappe hereby ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 14 of the Trappe Town Code titled “Water and Sewer”, Table 1, titled “Fees and Charges” is amended as follows. Unless specifically amended below, all other Fees and Charges Set forth in Table 1 shall remain unchanged:

<b>Monthly Fees:</b>	
Monthly Water Usage Rate	<del>\$4.40</del> <b>\$4.70</b> (per thousand gallons)
Monthly Sewer Usage Rate	<del>\$10.28</del> <b>\$10.98</b> (per thousand gallons)

**Section 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Commissioners of Trappe hereby declare that they would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 3:** This ordinance and the rates established and adopted herein shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021.

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Norm Fegel

  
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Robert Diefenderfer, Jr.

Walter Chase  
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Tonya Pritchett  
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Nicholas Newnam

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2-2021 of the Town of Trappe was duly read and enacted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Trappe.

Attest: Erin Braband  
Erin Braband, Town Administrator/Town Clerk

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New language reflected in ***italicized and bold text***