

ORDINANCE 2-2023

Introduced by: Sullivan

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 WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION AND CAPACITY CHARGES, INCREASE THE MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER FEES, AND INCREASE OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

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:

Connection Charges:	
Residential Water Connection charge	\$1,360 <i>\$1,500</i> per dwelling unit <i>(plus time and materials, as determined by the Town)</i>

Residential Sewer Connection charge	\$1,360 \$1,500 per dwelling unit (<i>plus time and materials, as determined by the Town</i>)
Non-Residential Water connection charge	The greater of \$1,360 \$1,500 per unit/user or the actual installation costs where the water service line or meter is larger than one (1) inch in diameter. (<i>Plus time and materials, as determined by the Town</i>)
Non-Residential Sewer connection charge	The greater of \$1,360 \$1,500 per unit/user or the actual installation costs where the sewer service line is larger than four (4) inches in diameter. (<i>Plus time and materials, as determined by the Town</i>)
Capacity Charges:	
Residential Water Capacity charge	\$4,500 \$5,000 per dwelling unit
Residential Isolated Water Capacity fee (For dedicated use, other than fire sprinkler system, that is not connected to the Town sewer system such as an in-ground irrigation system or pool.)	\$450 \$500 per service (based on 10% expected increase)
Residential Sewer Capacity charge	\$5,250 \$6,000 per dwelling unit
Non-Residential Water Capacity charge	The greater of \$4,500 \$5,000 or \$4,500 \$5,000 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit as determined by the Water Use Standards (Table 2) divided by 250 gallons per day
Non-Residential Sewer Capacity charge	The greater of \$5,250 \$6,000 or \$5,250 \$6,000 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit as determined by the Water Use Standards (Table 2) divided by 250 gallons per day
Monthly Fees:	
Basic Water Service charge (in Town)	\$15.00 \$20.00 per metered connection, or per residential dwelling unit or multiple non-residential user served by a master meter
Basic Sewer Service charge (in Town)	\$55.00 \$57.00 per metered connection, or per residential dwelling unit or multiple non-residential user served by a master meter
Basic Water Service charge (out-of-Town)	\$30.00 \$40.00 per metered connection, or per residential dwelling unit or multiple non-residential user served by a master meter

Basic Sewer Service charge (out-of-Town)	\$100.00 \$114.00 per metered connection, or per residential dwelling unit or multiple non-residential user served by a master meter
Monthly Water Usage Rate	\$4.70 (per thousand gallons)
Monthly Sewer Usage Rate	\$10.98 (per thousand gallons)
Other Fees and Charges:	
Turn On – Turn Off Fee	\$50.00
Close Account and Final Meter Reading	\$25.00 \$50.00
New Account Setup & Startup Meter Reading	\$25.00 \$50.00
Off-Cycle Meter Read	\$25.00 \$50.00

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, 2023.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of July, 2023.



Nicholas Newnam



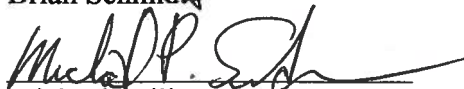
Walter Chase



Tonya Pritchett



Brian Schmidt



Michael Sullivan

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2-2023 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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