

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 23-146

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Antoskiewicz

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 10 STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, CHAPTER 1045 BILLING, COLLECTION AND CUSTOMER SERVICE, SECTION 1045.08, SANITARY SEWER CHARGES GENERALLY, PARAGRAPH (a)(1), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton owns, operates and maintains sewage treatment facilities identified generally as the North Royalton Consolidated Sewer District; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Finance is required to conduct an annual audit thereof to assure the collection of sufficient user fees and revenue to operate, maintain and secure the Sewer District facilities and to provide for the retirement of the debt thereon; and

WHEREAS: The city contracted for a rate study performed by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc; and

WHEREAS: The City would like to update the internal allocation of the distribution of Wastewater Funds to correctly account for Wastewater Funds Balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Part 10 Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code, Chapter 1045 Billing, Collection and Customer Service, Section 1045.08, Sanitary Sewer Charges Generally, Paragraph (a)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended to hereinafter read as follows:

(a) For all premises and users that are connected to the sewers of the North Royalton Consolidated Sanitary Sewer District and that have water meters showing actual water consumption, whether privately owned or connected to the public water supply system, the sanitary sewer charge shall be as follows:

(1) Effective January 1, ~~2023~~ **2024**, the sanitary sewer charge from zero to 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed per month, as registered by the water meters, shall be charged at the rate as stated below:

Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Fixed Charge per bill	\$9.00	<i>\$11.00</i>	<i>\$13.00</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	<i>\$16.00</i>	<i>\$17.00</i>
rate per MCF consumption	\$92.56	<i>\$100.89</i>	<i>\$105.43</i>	<i>\$110.17</i>	<i>\$115.13</i>	<i>\$120.31</i>

To be allocated as follows:

Wastewater Maintenance	36.25%	<i>35.00%</i>	<i>35.00%</i>	<i>35.00%</i>	<i>35.00%</i>	<i>35.00%</i>
Wastewater Treatment	50.25%	<i>50.00%</i>	<i>49.00%</i>	<i>47.00%</i>	<i>47.00%</i>	<i>49.00%</i>
Wastewater Debt Service	13.50%	<i>15.00%</i>	<i>14.00%</i>	<i>18.00%</i>	<i>17.00%</i>	<i>15.00%</i>
Wastewater Repair and Replacement		<i>0.00%</i>	<i>2.00%</i>	<i>0.00%</i>	<i>1.00%</i>	<i>1.00%</i>
	100%	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

For more than 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed per month, as registered by the water meters, the sanitary sewer charge shall be at the rate indicated above per 1,000 cubic feet or fraction thereof per month. Senior citizens receiving a water homestead exemption from the City of Cleveland Division of Water shall receive a thirty six percent sanitary sewer discount on all rates provided for in this section. The Finance Director is hereby directed to apportion the revenues received from this sanitary sewer charge into the appropriate Waste Water Department fund, as stated above.

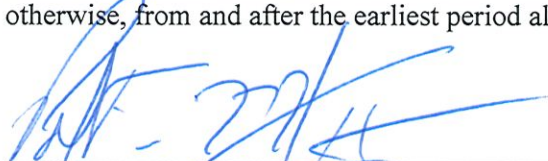
Section 2. Part 10 Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code, Chapter 1045 Billing, Collection and Customer Service, Section 1045.08, Sanitary Sewer Charges Generally, Paragraph (a)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 1045 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to provide for the fiscal health and solvency of the Sewer District for the well-being of all the citizens of North Royalton.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:   
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MAYOR

DATE PASSED: December 19, 2023 DATE APPROVED: Dec. 20, 2023

First reading November 21, 2023  
Second reading December 5, 2023  
Third reading December 19, 2023

ATTEST:   
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ACTING DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

YEAS: Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci,  
Dietrich, Wos

NAYS: none