

**ORDINANCE 2025.04**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING USER FEES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SUNBURY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Council of the City of Sunbury has previously specified user fees and charges to be charged for the treatment and disposal of wastewater for Sunbury area customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent increase was per Ordinance 2018.36 which provided for an annual 3.5% increases per 1,000 gallons of flow being discharged into the sanitary sewer system effective January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Council previously authorized the city engineers to conduct a rate study to determine future financial needs of the wastewater utility for 2025 and future years; and

**WHEREAS**, Council now wishes to provide user fees effective January 1, 2025 to meet the expenses incurred in the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater for City of Sunbury customers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio:

**SECTION I:** The City of Sunbury Codified Ordinance 925.05(a) is hereby amended to read as follows effective January 1, 2025:

**925.05 SEWER USER CHARGES**

- (a) The following User Charges shall be paid by all classes of users (defined in Section 925.04) throughout the service area effective January 1, 2025, and the charges shall be based on each 1,000 gallons of flow being discharged into the sanitary sewer system:

| <u>User Class</u> | <u>Dollars Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| All Classes       | \$10.75                          |

**SECTION II:** Effective January 1, 2026 and January 1<sup>st</sup> of each subsequent calendar year for a period of 4 years ending on December 31, 2029, the sewer user charges to all classes of sewer users shall be increased by 3.5% per 1,000 gallons of flow being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The resulting charges, commencing January 1, 2025, and for subsequent years, are as follows:

| <u>Effective Date</u> | <u>Effective Rate</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| January 1, 2025       | \$10.75               |
| January 1, 2026       | \$11.13               |
| January 1, 2027       | \$11.52               |
| January 1, 2028       | \$11.92               |
| January 1, 2029       | \$12.34               |

**SECTION III:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION III:** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservations of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sunbury, to allow user rate increases to commence at the earliest possible date to coincide with expiration of current rate escalation provisions..

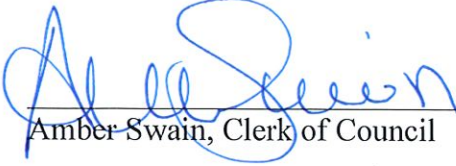
**WHEREFORE,** this Ordinance shall be in effect and in force immediately from and after its passage.

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| <b>VOTE ON SUSPENSION OF THE RULES</b> | <b>YEAS</b> | <b>NAYS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> |
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| <b>VOTE ON EMERGENCY</b>               | <b>YEAS</b> | <b>NAYS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> |
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| <b>VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2025.04</b>       | <b>YEAS</b> | <b>NAYS</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> |
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**PASSED:** January 15, 2025

  
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**Joseph St. John, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
Amber Swain, Clerk of Council

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify on this 15 day of January, 2025, that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance passed at the meeting held on January 15, 2025 of the City of Sunbury, County of Delaware, State of Ohio.

  
Amber Swain, Clerk of Council