

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 061-23

BEING AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 10,017-22 CONCERNING **SECTION 913.02 “SEWER RATES”** OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO SEWER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford has owned and operated a sewer utility for the benefit of its residents and some of those of the Village of Oakwood for many years, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford charges users of its sewer system reasonable rates designed to cover the costs of operating, maintaining, and improving its sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford devotes all revenues derived from sewer service charges to the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its sewer system, and

WHEREAS, sewer rates and sewer service charges are based on water consumption, and

WHEREAS, presently each user’s water consumption is measured by monthly water meter readings, and water charges based on such readings are billed and collected monthly, and

WHEREAS, this Council now determines that it is not necessary to increase sewer service charges commencing **January 1, 2024** to cover the projected costs of operating, maintaining and improving its sewer system, including, without limitation, paying debt service charges on its bonds and notes issued for improvements to the sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga, and the State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 1 of **Ordinance No. 10,017-22**, passed **October 3, 2022**, amending Section 913.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio, is confirmed with no changes.

Section 2. All prior ordinances in conflict with the provisions contained herein are hereby repealed **and/or amended accordingly**.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such 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 including the City's Charter and Codified Ordinances and Section §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that the City of Bedford needs to implement the rate by **January 1, 2024** to protect the integrity of the sewer fund and bill the residents accordingly.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

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1st Rdg.: 8/7/23
2nd Rdg.: 8/10/23

Stanley C. Koci, Mayor-President of Council

Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal content by:

John J. Montello, Law Director

PASSED: September 5, 2023