

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 062-23

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 10,015-22 CONCERNING **SECTION 911.01 "WATER RATES"** OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD AS RELATED TO THE WATER RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford, Ohio (the "City of Bedford" or "City") has, for many years, owned and operated a water system (the "Water System") for the benefit of its residents and certain non-residents; and

WHEREAS, the City charges users of its Water System reasonable rates designed to cover the costs of purchasing water and operating, maintaining, and improving the Water System; and

WHEREAS, the City devotes all revenues derived from charges for the use of water from its System to the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its Water System; and

WHEREAS, the City purchases water for its Water System from the City of Cleveland and is billed for the water purchased at rates fixed by the Council of the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Finance has determined that annual three percent (3%) increase in water rates authorized in section 911.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio is not necessary for 2024.

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

Section 1. Commencing on **January 1, 2024 and continuing through December 31, 2024**, City Council is hereby waiving the annual three percent (3%) increase in water rates and is confirming the base rate for customer having meters of the following sizes at the following rates:

		<u>2024 Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	meter	\$27.61
1"	meter	\$37.89
1-1/4"	meter	\$46.05
1-1/2"	meter	\$56.07
2"	meter	\$68.20
3"	meter	\$128.84
4"	meter	\$189.42
6"	meter	\$416.72
8"	meter	\$553.14

In addition, each customer supplied with water by the City of Bedford, for water in excess of 300 cubic feet used during each month, as measured by the water meter reading with respect to each such month, shall pay (i) for each cubic foot of the first 100 cubic feet of water in excess of such 300 cubic feet, a charge of **four and thirty-three one hundredths cents (\$0.0433)**, and (ii) for

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each cubic foot of water in excess of such first 100 cubic feet described in the immediately preceding item (i), a charge of **six and fifty one-hundredths cents (\$0.0650)**.

Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this ordinance relating to water rates, and as authorized under section 911.03 of the Codified Code of Ordinances, as amended by ordinance 060-23, each eligible senior citizen of the City of Bedford supplied with water by the City of Bedford will be charged a base rate of **\$19.312** for the year **2024**.

In addition, for water in excess of 300 cubic feet used during each month, as measured by the water meter reading with respect to each such month, (i) for each cubic foot of the first 100 cubic feet of water in excess of such 300 cubic feet, a charge of **three and thirty-four one-hundredths cents (\$0.0334)**, and (ii) for each cubic foot of water in excess of such first 100 cubic feet described in the immediately preceding item (i), a charge of **five and two one - hundredths cents (\$0.0502)**.

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 water 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.

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