

City of Cincinnati
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REPEALING AND REORDAINING the provisions of Chapter 401, “Water Works,” Section 401-76, “Service Charges,” Section 401-77, “Water Commodity Charges,” Section 401-78, “Charges for Fire Protection Services,” Section 401-81, “Charges to Political Subdivisions,” and Section 401-89, “Direct Fire Protection Charges” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code for the purpose of revising the rates for water and related services furnished by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works, consistent with annual water rate increases of 3.75% in 2022 and 5.55% in each of 2023 through 2026.

WHEREAS, the City Administration has recommended to Council the adoption of a 3.75% increase in water rates for 2022 and a 5.55% increase in each of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 for the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) to provide for the annual replacement of 1% of system infrastructure per the Smale Commission recommendations, enhanced customer service and leak detection through advanced metering infrastructure, meeting updated requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Lead and Copper rule, and addressing issues of water affordability; and

WHEREAS, this multi-year rate increase is necessary to support GCWW’s multi-year bond issue for FY 2022 through FY 2026, which bond issue will take advantage of the currently favorable bond market while refunding existing debt and issuing new debt; and

WHEREAS, the multi-year rate increases and bond issue will result in substantial financing cost savings to GCWW and allow Cincinnati’s water rates to remain substantially below industry averages; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That existing Section 401-76, “Service Charges,” is hereby repealed and reordained as follows:

Sec. 401-76. - Service Charges.

Each water supply service shall be subject to a monthly service charge. The service charge shall be based on the size of the water meter.

This section shall apply to each water meter used, but shall not apply to water supply services subject to Section 401-81 or Section 401-82.

For the availability of water service, the service charge applicable to accounts inside the City of Cincinnati for each year from 2022 through 2026 shall be as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
½	6.54	6.79	7.16	7.56	7.98	8.42
¾	7.82	8.11	8.56	9.04	9.54	10.07
1	9.64	10.00	10.56	11.14	11.76	12.41
1½	24.33	25.24	26.64	28.12	29.68	31.33
2	31.03	32.19	33.98	35.87	37.86	39.96
3	68.03	70.58	74.50	78.63	83.00	87.60
4	130.32	135.21	142.71	150.63	158.99	167.82
6	261.24	271.04	286.08	301.96	318.71	336.40
8	381.46	395.76	417.73	440.91	465.38	491.21
10	533.73	553.74	584.48	616.92	651.16	687.29
12	638.22	662.15	698.90	737.69	778.63	821.85

The service charges in the above table shall be effective from January 1 through December 31 of each of the above listed years.

The service charges for accounts outside of the City of Cincinnati shall be established pursuant to Section 401-75.

Section 2. That existing Section 401-77, "Water Commodity Charges," is hereby repealed and reordained as follows:

Sec. 401-77. - Water Commodity Charges.

For water used, the water commodity charges per 100 cubic feet (CCF) used applicable to accounts inside the City of Cincinnati shall be as follows:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
First 20 CCF/month	3.00	3.11	3.29	3.47	3.66	3.86
Next 580 CCF/month	2.52	2.61	2.76	2.91	3.07	3.25
Over 600 CCF/month	2.25	2.33	2.46	2.60	2.75	2.90

The water commodity charges in the above table shall be effective from January 1 through December 31 of each of the above listed years.

The water commodity charges for accounts outside of the City of Cincinnati shall be established pursuant to Section 401-75.

Effective January 1, 2012, for water used through a temporary meter as set forth in Section 401-61 of the Municipal Code, the water commodity charge rate per 100 cubic

feet (CCF) used shall be 150% of the water commodity charge listed in the table above for the first 20 CCF per month.

Section 3. That Section 401-78, "Charges for Fire Protection Services," is hereby repealed and reordained as follows:

Sec. 401-78. - Charges for Fire Protection Services.

Each fire service branch serving private premises shall be subject to a fire protection service charge based on the size of the service branch at the water main per Section 401-117. This section shall not apply to fire protection services subject to Sections 401-82 and 401-83.

The fire protection service charge per month shall be as follows:

Branch Size (inches)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
2" & Under	18.58	19.28	20.35	21.48	22.67	23.93
3"	23.84	24.73	26.11	27.56	29.09	30.70
4"	28.20	29.26	30.88	32.60	34.40	36.31
6"	65.08	67.52	71.27	75.22	79.40	83.80
8"	91.90	95.35	100.64	106.22	112.12	118.34
10"	110.89	115.05	121.43	128.17	135.29	142.80

The fire protection service charges in the above table shall be effective from January 1 through December 31 of each of the above listed years.

The fire protection service charges for accounts outside of the City of Cincinnati shall be established pursuant to Section 401-75.

Section 4. That Section 401-81, "Charges to Political Subdivisions," is hereby repealed and reordained as follows:

Sec. 401-81. - Charges to Political Subdivisions.

The water commodity charge rates per hundred cubic feet for water used by political subdivisions, other than those whose contracts with the City of Cincinnati specify rates, shall be as follows:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Winter	3.15	3.27	3.45	3.64	3.84	4.06
Summer	3.75	3.89	4.11	4.33	4.58	4.83

The charges to political subdivisions in the above table shall be effective from January 1 through December 31 of each of the above listed years.

There shall be no service charges for water used under this section.

Section 5. That Section 401-89, "Direct Fire Protection Charges," is hereby repealed and reordained as follows:

Sec. 401-89. –Fire Hydrant Repair and Replacement Charges.

Each water supply service within the City of Cincinnati shall be subject to a fire hydrant repair and replacement charge, which shall be based on the size of the water meter.

The monthly fire hydrant repair and replacement charges shall be as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
⅝	0.65	0.67	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.84
¾	0.98	1.02	1.07	1.13	1.20	1.26
1	1.43	1.48	1.57	1.65	1.74	1.84
1½	2.74	2.84	3.00	3.17	3.34	3.53
2	4.04	4.19	4.42	4.67	4.93	5.20
3	9.79	10.16	10.72	11.32	11.94	12.61
4	16.31	16.92	17.86	18.85	19.90	21.00
6	32.63	33.85	35.73	37.72	39.81	42.02
8	48.93	50.76	53.58	56.56	59.70	63.01
10	65.24	67.69	71.44	75.41	79.59	84.01
12	75.03	77.84	82.16	86.72	91.54	96.62

The fire hydrant repair and replacement charges in the above table shall be effective from January 1 through December 31 of each of the above listed years.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5 herein.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk