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INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS)

ORDINANCE NO. 23-12-12

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV. General Sewer Use Regulations, Section 22-80. (1)(a) User charges and connection charges.; and Chapter 23, Water, Article I. In General, Section 23-3. Water user charges. (e), to limit each annual adjustment so as to not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5% effective January 1, 2024.

**THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article IV. General Sewer Use Regulations, Section 22-80. (1)(a) User charges and connection charges be amended to read as follows, with new text underlined and deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

**Sec. 22-80. User charges and connection charges.**

- (1) *Determination of charges:* The rates and charges for the use of the sewerage collection, treatment and disposal services of the parish, for each and every residence, commercial or industrial establishment now or hereafter connected to the parish treatment facilities, shall be in accordance with the following:
  - (a) *Volume rate charge:* To cover the cost of operation and maintenance and where necessary, capital improvements to the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, a volume rate user charge is hereby established at \$7.86 (80 percent of \$7.86 equals \$6.29) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2016; \$7.81 (80 percent of \$7.81 equals \$6.25) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2017; \$7.71 (80 percent of \$7.71 equals \$6.17) per 1,000 gallons of water use on January 1, 2018.

The user charges established herein shall be adjusted on January 1 of each year in an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index, applicable to all urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Said adjustments shall be equal to the net percentage change in the CPI for the preceding 12-month period ending September 30. Said annual adjustments shall begin effective January 1, 2019. Effective January 1, 2024, each annual adjustment will not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5%.

The user charges stated above were established based on the formula  $C_a = C_t / V_t$ , where:  
 $C_a$  = Annual user charge rate.  
 $C_t$  = Total annual O, M, and R costs.  
 $V_t$  = Total annual volume.

**SECTION II.** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Water, Article I. In General, Section 23-3. Water user charges (e) be amended to read as follows, with text underlined and deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

- (e) Effective January 1, 2019, the water user charges established herein shall be adjusted on January 1 of each year in amount equal to the Consumer Price Index, applicable to all urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Said adjustment shall be equal to the net percentage change in the CPI for the preceding twelve-month period ending September 30. Effective January 1, 2024, each annual adjustment will not be below 0.00% and not to exceed 2.5%.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]  
SECRETARY: [Signature]  
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: December 19, 2023  
APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]  
RETD/SECRETARY: December 19, 2023  
AT: 11:22 am RECD BY: [Signature]