

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP, PAULDING COUNTY, OHIO, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17 TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT MINIMUM CHARGE FOR EACH TAP EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, adopted Ordinance No. 2018-17 to increase the minimum charge for each tap and the water rates with the increased rates effective January 1, 2020, and a two percent (2%) increase to be implemented in the years thereafter, specifically in years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council provided in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2018-17 that the water rate increases established in said Ordinance would be reviewed annually to determine whether the increases are sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Council determined in 2022 that the rates set in Ordinance No. 2018-17 were not sufficient to raise the capital required to provide for repairs and to maintain the integrity of the current water system, and;

WHEREAS, the Council passed Ordinance No. 2022-24 to increase the rates for system usage, with two increases scheduled for January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council determined that the rates which took effect on January 1, 2024, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2022-24 were sufficient to continue providing the capital needed for repairs and to maintain the integrity of the current water system through the end of 2025, leading to the passage of Ordinance No. 2024-13.

WHEREAS, the Council has now determined that the 2025 water rates should be extended through the end of calendar year 2026, or to the point where a rate study has been conducted and Council has adopted updated water rates, whichever shall occur first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY A MINIMUM OF A THREE-FOURTHS VOTE by the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the rules requiring three readings of any ordinance or resolution prior to its passage by a minimum of the majority of the council are hereby suspended pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 705.15.

Section 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2018-17 currently reads as follows:

Section 2. The quarterly water rates for users/consumers within the Village corporation limits effective January 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025 will be as follows:

January 1, 2019	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.31 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2020	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.42 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2021	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.53 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2022	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.64 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2023	\$105.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.75 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2024	\$105.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.87 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2025	\$105.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.87 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used

Quarterly water rates effective January 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025 for those users/consumers within the Village corporation limits who qualify for the homestead tax exemption will be as follows:

January 1, 2019	\$25.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.14 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2020	\$25.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.20 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2021	\$25.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.26 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2022	\$25.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.33 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used

January 1, 2023	\$95.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.40 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2024	\$95.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.47 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2025	\$95.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$3.47 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used

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Section 3. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2018-17 is hereby amended as follows:

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Section 4. That Section 5 of Ordinance No. 2018-17 currently reads as follows:

Section 5. The quarterly water rates effective January 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025 for users/consumers of water outside of the Village corporation limits will be as follows:

January 1, 2019	\$45.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$9.30 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2020	\$45.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$9.49 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2021	\$45.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$9.68 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2022	\$45.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$9.87 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2023	\$115.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$10.07 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
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January 1, 2019	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.50 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2020	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.61 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2021	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.72 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
January 1, 2022	\$35.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.83 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used

January 1, 2023	\$105.00 minimum charge for each tap plus \$5.95 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of all water used
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Section 6. That the above listed water rates for village and non-village residents shall remain the same throughout the entirety of 2026 unless Council takes further legislative action following the completion of a water rate study, which Council hereby directs the Village Administrator to cause to be conducted during calendar year 2026.

Section 7. That previous Ordinances and/or any provisions thereof and rules of the Village of Antwerp that are not consistent with this Ordinance are hereby set aside, revoked, and held for naught. However, any other provisions of existing Ordinances authorizing the charge of water rates and/or provision

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of water service in the Village that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, including any non-conflicting provisions of Ordinance Nos. 2014-21, 2016-13, 2016-27 (amending Ordinance No. 2014-21), 2018-17, 2019-09 (repealing section 4 of Ordinance No. 2018-17), 2022-24 (amending Ordinance No. 2018-17) and 2024-13 (amending Ordinance No. 2018-17).

Section 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the Village of Antwerp, Ohio, concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 9. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village for the reason that it must be passed prior to December 31, 2025, in order to ensure the proposed compost fee suspension goes into effect January 1, 2026. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage and approval; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Date 1/14/26

B. D. Smith
Bryan Smith, Mayor of the Village of Antwerp

Attest:

Kevin Hornish
Kevin Hornish, Fiscal Officer