

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 922.08 ("TREATMENT CHARGES FOR SEPTIC TANK WASTE.") OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INCREASED RATES FOR TRUCKED SEPTAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 13032/2021

WHEREAS, a Sanitary Sewer Rate Study was prepared by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) dated May 6, 2021 (herein referred to as the "Study"), proposing to provide adequate operating revenue(s) to pay for qualifying expenditures; provide adequate debt service coverage for current and needed improvements; and maintain a positive cash flow in the sanitary sewer enterprise fund; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the current wastewater treatment processes were constructed or refurbished approximately 35 years ago and are at and/or nearing many points of failure; and

WHEREAS, the treatment plant is installing a new automated Septage Receiving Station to ease the ability to receive this trucked septage; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the proposed charge per customer, and has concluded that the proposed charges do not exceed the reasonable cost of providing septage receiving service and facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to establish these new septage receiving rates for the preservation of the public health and safety based on the reasons listed above to provide adequate operating revenues and to pay for these necessary improvements; and

WHEREAS, the revenue derived from the septage rates shall be used in a manner consistent with the City's ordinances pertaining to wastewater and sewer services, including, without limitation, the repayment of current State Revolving Fund Loans and other debt service with respect to the financing of needed capital improvements for the treatment plant, the sewage pumping stations and the sanitary sewer system; NOW THEREFORE

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

Section 1: That Section 922.08 ("TREATMENT CHARGES FOR SEPTIC TANK WASTE.") of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren be, and hereby is, repealed in its entirety.

Section 2: That Section 922.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren be, and the same hereby is reenacted as follows:

Treatment charges for septic tank waste or waste from privately owned and operated package sewage treatment plants shall be the following:

Effective September 1, 2021 a minimum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per month for each septage delivery contractor for septic waste delivered to the treatment plant or a charge of six cents (\$0.06) per gallon delivered, whichever is greater. The volume of septic waste delivered will be determined by a WPC flow meter if available or estimated by the volume of the tank on the truck delivering the septage.

Section 3: That of the increases provided for within this ordinance that they shall be allocated as follows:

O.M. & R. (Fund 703)

100%

Section 4: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and in order to continue efficient service by the Water Pollution Control Center. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into effect 9/1/21 and be in force from and after that date with passage by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed in Council this 14TH day of JULY, 2021.

SIGNED: [Signature] ATTEST: [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF-COUNCIL CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 7-14-2021

DATE APPROVED: 7-14-2021

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MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO