

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-18H
VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH, LOUISIANA**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR UTILITY RATES FOR UTILITIES
PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH

BE IT ORDAINED, by the mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Elizabeth, Louisiana, that the following **Ordinance Number 14-18H** amends Section 3 and Section 4 and is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 1

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Elizabeth, Louisiana, in a regular session convened, that the Council hereby amends Ordinance 14-18G to become Ordinance 14-18H of the Village Code which amends the method of increase for water and sewer rates in Section 3 and Section 4 for the Village of Elizabeth's sewer customers.

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Fixed water and sewer rates of the Village of Elizabeth's water system were increased effective March 1, 2022 as shown on the previous rate charts adopted the 3rd day of February, 2022.

Section 3

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the **Variable** rates in the attached rate charts shall adjust every year beginning January 2025 billing cycle. The rates will be increased at a minimum of 3% each year in January to become effective April 9, 2024. Rates to be increased to an amount over 3% if publication of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S.. city average as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics is larger than 3%. In the event that the CPI is larger than 3%, the rate will be increased to correspond to the CPI rate.and adjusting thereafter the first billing cycle after publication of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Section 4

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the **Fixed** rates in the attached rate charts shall adjust every year beginning January 2025 billing cycle. The rates will be increased at a minimum of 3% each year in January to become effective April 9, 2024. Rates to be increased to an amount over 3% if publication of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S.. city average as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics is larger than 3%. In the event that the CPI is larger than 3%, the rate will be increased to correspond to the CPI rate.and

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adjusting thereafter the first billing cycle after publication of the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Section 5

In addition to the costs outlined in the foregoing sections, all customers shall be charged the following re-read fees, should they request a re-read of their meter:

In Town Customers: \$15.00
Out of Town Customers: \$25.00

A customer will not be charged a re-read fee if an error is discovered on the part of the Village of Elizabeth. An error occurs when a customer's meter is read in a mistaken amount upon its first reading in any given month.

If a customer requests for Water Utility Services to be reconnected or disconnected outside of normal business hours, they will be charged a fee of:

In Town Customers: \$25.00
Out of Town Customers: \$30.00

Section 6

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance amendment shall become effective November 1, 2023.

Section 7

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 8

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
Ordinance introduced on the 11th day of March, 2024.

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Notice of proposed ordinance was published in the official journal on the 21st day of March, 2024.

Public Hearing on this Ordinance was held on the 8th day of March, 2024 at 6:30pm.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read and called for a vote by the Mayor at a meeting of the Village Council called for said purpose on the 8th day of March, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Ken Kelly and seconded by Councilwoman Stacy Weldon to adopt said Ordinance.

The vote thereon:

NAME	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mea Dillehay				X
Stacy Weldon	X			
Ken Kelly	X			
TOTALS	2			1

APPROVED:/s/Mandy L Green 4/9/24

Attest: A True Copy:/s/Denise Lee, LCMClerk 4/9/24

Refer to original minutes: 9.4.18
Amendment-Refer to Minutes: 2.5.19; 1.7.20; 6.2.20; 12.1.20
4.12.21; 2.14.22; 10.9.23; 4.8.24

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CHART FOR 2024-25
3.1% CPI, updated 2.14.24 for January billing

WATER RATE CHART

Location	Fixed ¹	Variable²	State Fee	Chem. Fee
In Town Residential Water (130)	\$18.29	\$5.02	\$1.00	\$3.00
Out of Town Residential Water (135)	\$20.65	\$5.31	\$1.00	\$3.00
Elizabeth High School (132)	\$229.97	\$5.61	\$1.00	\$3.00
Apartments (per unit) (131)(134)	\$21.23	\$5.61	\$1.00	\$3.00
Churches (137)	\$18.87	\$5.61	\$1.00	\$3.00
Commercial (taxes) (133)	\$23.59	\$5.61	\$1.00	\$3.00
Commercial (no taxes) (136)	\$23.59	\$5.61	\$1.00	\$3.00

SEWER RATE CHART

Location	Fixed³	Variable ⁴
In Town Sewer (240)	\$19.59	\$6.19
Commercial Sewer (taxes) (243)	\$39.18	\$6.19
Commercial Sewer (no taxes) (245)	\$39.18	\$6.19
Elizabeth High School (241)	\$515.50	\$6.19
Apartments (per unit) (244)	\$19.59	\$6.19

¹ Per month.(first 2000 gallons).

² Per 1000 gallons.

³ Per month(first 2000 gallons).

⁴ Per 1000 gallons.