

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**5/9/2017**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Water Rate Increase	Judy Buttny Finance Director

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to increase water rates to pass through the increase received from the DuPage Water Commission (DWC).

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2015 -2017 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY17 budget did not anticipate a rate increase. The rate change will increase water fees by approximately \$140,000 in the Water Fund (Page 4-35, line 7), which is equal to the increase in the cost of water from the DWC rate increase (Page 4-35, line 16).

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the May 16, 2017 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village's 2017 budget did not anticipate a water rate increase. At the time staff was preparing the Village's 2017 budget, the DWC had indicated they expected the water rates to remain flat. Since then, staff has been notified that the DWC plans on increasing the Village's water rates by 1.67%. The DWC indicated the increase is due to the anticipated increase from the City of Chicago based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index. In order to pass along the increased cost of water from the DWC, staff is recommending increasing water rates to Village customers by 1.1%. The pass-through of the increase in the cost of purchasing water from the DWC affects only the unit fee portion of the Village rates, and the fixed fee portion does not change from the original plan.

The following table shows the proposed water rates that will go into effect for bills received after July 1, 2017.

<b>Bi-Monthly Unit Fee</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017 Proposed</b>
Inside Village	\$5.96	\$6.03
Outside Village	\$6.84	\$6.92

The following table shows how the new water rates will impact typical users in 2017.

<b>User Category</b>	<b>2016 Typical Bi-Monthly Bill</b>	<b>Proposed 2017 Bi-monthly Bill</b>
Typical Residential User (15 units bimonthly, 5/8" Fixed Meter Charge)	\$101.99	\$103.04

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance

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## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER RATES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by ~~shading~~/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

**Section 1. That Section 25.29. is hereby amended to read as follows:****25.29. Rates and charges for metered water.**

Water will be furnished to consumers only at rates and charges determined as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Section 25-30, the charge for water furnished to consumers located within the Village limits shall be calculated on a flat rate basis as set forth in the following schedule:

(1) Within Village Limits:

For bills received after ~~March 1, 2015~~ July 1, 2017:

(i) ~~Five dollars and ninety six cents (\$5.96)~~ Six dollars and three cents (\$6.03) for property within Village limits will be charged for the consumption of every one hundred (100) cubic feet.

(2) Outside Village Limits:

For bills received after ~~March 1, 2015~~ July 1, 2017:

(i) ~~Six dollars and eighty four cents (\$6.84)~~ Six dollars and ninety-two cents (\$6.92) for property outside the Village limits will be charged for the consumption of every one hundred (100) cubic feet.

(b) In addition to the fees listed above, a bi-monthly maintenance fee shall be assessed as follows:

Water Meter Size	Bi-Monthly Fee
5/8"	\$12.59
1"	\$18.89
1 1/2"	\$62.97
2"	\$100.74
3"	\$188.91
4"	\$314.84
6"	\$629.66
10"	\$1,511.18

(c) The charges for water furnished to any building or portion thereof used for multiple-family residence purposes or mixed business and residential uses (except buildings having separate meters for each dwelling unit or use therein) shall be the aggregate of the applicable charges for each dwelling unit or use in such building or portion thereof served through a single meter, computed as though each such dwelling unit or use:

(1) Was a separate building connected to a separate water meter; and

(2) Consumed during such two-month billing period a quantity of water determined by dividing the total water consumption of such multiple-family or mixed use building by the number of dwelling units or uses contained in such building or portion thereof.

(d) During the month of January in each year, any purchaser of water from the Village for resale, in whole or in part, to consumers located outside the Village limits shall file with the Village Treasurer a sworn written statement setting forth the number of separate dwelling units served by such purchaser as of the date of such statement, including all separate single-family buildings and all separate dwelling units contained within buildings used for multiple-family residence purposes. The charges for water furnished

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to any such purchaser shall be two times the aggregate of the applicable charges for each such dwelling unit, computed as though each such dwelling unit:

- (1) Was a separate single-family building connected to a separate water meter; and
  - (2) Consumed during such two-month billing period a quantity of water determined by dividing the total water consumption of such purchaser by the number of dwelling units set forth in the latest sworn statement on file with the Village treasurer with respect to such purchaser.
- (d) The charges for water furnished to contractors acquiring water from the hydrant connection at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut, Downers Grove, shall be two hundred percent (200%) of the rate listed in subsection (a)(1)(i), above.
- (e) The charges for water furnished to contractors taking water from public hydrants other than at the Public Works yard shall be two hundred percent (200%) of the rate listed in subsection (a)(1)(i), above. (Ord. No. 2942, § 1; Ord. No. 3209, § 1; Ord. No. 3326, § 5; Ord. No. 3424, § 2; Ord. No. 3437, § 2)

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk