

## **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 27-2016 TO PROVIDE A REDUCTION IN VILLAGE WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, Brewster Village Council has determined that the current Water Rates and Charges are sufficient to operate the Village Water treatment and distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, Brewster Village Council has determined that the rates and charges can be adjusted for 2020 for residential and commercial users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, THAT:

### **SECTION 1: Usage Rate, Capital Charge, & Monthly Minimum**

**A.** It is required that every customer's water connection be metered, and that the components of each Village Water customer's account will be based on that metering. The consumption component of the monthly Billing for those metered accounts shall be decreased by 10 % beginning with the customer's January 2020 usage and reflected on the customers' February 2020 Bill, and the rates shall be as follows:

First 2000 Gallons	\$ 3.38 per 1000 gallons or part thereof
2001 to 30,000 gallons	\$ 2.52 per 1000 gallons or part thereof
Above 30,000 gallons	\$ 1.78 per 1000 gallons or part thereof

**B.** On January 1, 2020, the Capital Charge component of the monthly Billing for those metered accounts shall be decreased by 10 % beginning with the customer's January 2020 usage and reflected on the customers' February 2020 Bill and shall be \$ 21.06 per month for each account and shall be continued for 2020.

**C.** The monthly Minimum for each active account shall include the above the fee for 1000 gallons of usage in A. and the above Capital Charge in B. and the Monthly Minimum in 2020 shall be \$ 24.44

### **SECTION 2: An Automatic Increase**

**A.** As previously stated in Ordinance 27-2016, Village Council hereby authorizes automatic increases of all water charges once per year, every year, beginning on January 1, 2021 and every year thereafter by a Fixed Percentage. This automatic increase shall apply to the Water Usage Fee, the Capital Charge, the Tap Fee, and the Bulk Purchase Fee, and any other service charges.

**B.** The Fixed Percentage shall be 2.75 % unless Council approves an action to adjust this amount prior to the Automatic Increase Date. **Every three years a water rate study will be performed in a timely manner to provide Village Council with relevant information to allow them to conduct an informed review of the water rates and the financial stability of the Village water operations.**

**C.** The Automatic Increase shall be effective on January 1st of each year and shall be reflected on the customers' February Bills and be effective throughout that twelve-month period

### **SECTION 3: Water Service Tap Fee**

The Village shall require a deposit of \$ 1500.00 for the tapping of a water main. The Village shall perform the tapping of the water main, and furnish and install the piping, corporation stop, curb stop, curb box, and other appropriate materials. The cost to the Village shall be applied against the \$ 1500.00 deposit, and any funds remaining shall be refunded. Should the cost for the tap exceed the \$ 1500.00 deposit, the applicant shall pay the difference before the water service is turned on.

### **SECTION 4: Bulk Water Purchase Fee**

A fee for bulk water taken by tanker truck or similar conveyance for non-emergency use will be based on the Village of Brewster's normal water rates for 10,000 gallons per load.

**SECTION 5: Surcharge Levied on Non-resident Water Customers**

Any water customer that is outside of the corporation limits of the Village shall pay an additional surcharge of 15% on the Water Usage Rates, Capital Charges, and Monthly Minimums specified in Section 1A and Section 2.

**SECTION 6:** Any ordinance inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this legislation is hereby repealed and declared void.

**SECTION 7:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning with the January 1, 2020 utility billing cycle.

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Mayor Michael E. Schwab

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk Treasurer K. Kris King

CERTIFICATE

I, K. Kris King, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance passed at a regular meeting of the Brewster Village Council held on October 21, 2019

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Clerk K. Kris King

I, K. Kris King, Clerk of the Council of the Village of Brewster, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that there is no newspaper printed in said municipality and that publication of the foregoing ordinance was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five of the most public places in said corporation as determined by Council as follows: Office of Brewster Utilities, Belloni's IGA, Brewster Federal Credit Union, Post Office and Brewster Laundromat.

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Clerk K. Kris King