

ORDINANCE NO. 1897

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 13 (WATER AND SEWER),  
CHAPTER 24 (RATES AND CHARGES) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE  
REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Crest Hill has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 11-139-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-139-8), the City Council is authorized and directed to charge all users of the City's combined waterworks and sewerage system (the "System") a rate of compensation sufficient to pay the cost of operation and maintenance of the System, provide an adequate depreciation fund, and pay the principal of and interest upon all revenue bonds issued in connection with the System; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council previously exercised the authority set forth above, generally enacting Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 24 (Rates and Charges) of the Crest Hill Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the City and its citizens to amend various provisions of Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 24 (Rates and Charges) of the Crest Hill Code of Ordinances, as set forth in this Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The City Council hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2:** Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 24 (Rates and Charges), Section 13.24.010 (City Water Service Charges) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§13.24.010 CITY WATER SERVICE CHARGES.**

There are hereby established the rates and charges for use of water provided by the City of Crest Hill through the city waterworks. These charges shall be separate and apart from (i) any wastewater service charges and (ii) from any debt service charges, as specified in §§13.24.011, 13.24.012, 13.24.013, 13.24.014, and 13.24.015 of this chapter.

(A) For use of water service as provided by the city the following rates and charges shall apply to all water connections (other than "bulk water connections," see subpart (B) of this Section, below):

- (1) Base Water Charge: For the first four hundred cubic feet (400 ft.<sup>3</sup>) used in a given billing cycle, the water user shall pay a flat fee of \$25.50.

- (2) Volumetric Water Charge: For every hundred cubic feet (100 ft<sup>3</sup>), or part thereof, used in excess of four hundred cubic feet (400 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of water in a given billing cycle, the water user shall pay an additional charge of \$5.02.
- (3) Every year on the first of May, both the base water charge and the volumetric water charge applicable to all water connections shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025	5/1/2026	5/1/2027	5/1/2028	5/1/2029	5/1/2030	5/1/2031
Base Water Charge	\$ 28.30	\$ 31.41	\$ 34.87	\$ 38.71	\$ 42.96	\$ 47.69	\$ 52.94	\$ 58.76	\$ 62.28
Volumetric Water Charge	\$ 5.57	\$ 6.18	\$ 6.86	\$ 7.62	\$ 8.45	\$ 9.38	\$ 10.42	\$ 11.56	\$ 12.26

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the base water charge and volumetric water charge applicable to all water connections shall be immediately and automatically increased by six percent (6%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2032.

- (B) Any water user that consumes, on average, more than one hundred and fifty thousand cubic feet (150,000 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of water per month is and shall be deemed a “bulk water user.” Bulk water users shall pay the following rates in lieu of the amounts listed in subpart (A) of this Section, above:

- (1) Monthly Billing Cycle: all bulk water users shall be billed on a monthly basis.
- (2) Base Bulk-User Water Charge: For the first two hundred cubic feet (200 ft.<sup>3</sup>) used in a given billing cycle, the bulk water user shall pay a flat fee of \$12.75.
- (3) Volumetric Bulk-User Water Charge: For every hundred cubic feet (100 ft<sup>3</sup>), or part thereof, used in excess of two hundred cubic feet (200 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of water in a given billing cycle, the bulk water user shall pay an additional charge of \$5.02.
- (4) Every year on the first of May, both the base bulk-user water charge and the volumetric bulk-user water charge applicable to all water connections shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025	5/1/2026	5/1/2027	5/1/2028	5/1/2029	5/1/2030	5/1/2031
Base Bulk User-Water Charge	\$ 14.16	\$ 15.71	\$ 17.44	\$ 19.36	\$ 21.49	\$ 23.86	\$ 26.48	\$ 29.39	\$ 31.16
Volumetric Bulk-User Water Charge	\$ 5.57	\$ 6.18	\$ 6.86	\$ 7.62	\$ 8.45	\$ 9.38	\$ 10.42	\$ 11.56	\$ 12.26

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the base bulk-user water charge and volumetric bulk-user water charge applicable to all water connections shall be immediately and automatically increased by six percent (6%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2032.

- (C) Billing for water service shall be as specified in §13.24.050 of this chapter, and the procedure for handling delinquent bills shall be in accordance with §13.24.140 of this chapter. The procedure for establishing liens on behalf of the city for unpaid water bills shall be in accordance with §13.24.080 of this chapter

**SECTION 3:** Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 24 (Rates and Charges), Section 13.24.013 (Basic User Rate) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§13.24.013 MINIMUM CHARGE AND BASIC USER RATE FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE.**

- (A) Metered Connections: For use of wastewater service, as provided by the city, the following rates and charges shall apply to all metered wastewater connections (except with regards to “bulk wastewater users,” as described in subpart (B) hereof):
  - (1) Minimum Wastewater Charge: For the first four hundred cubic feet (400 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of wastewater discharged in a given billing cycle, all wastewater users shall be charged a flat fee of \$25.04.
  - (2) Basic Wastewater User Rate: For every hundred cubic feet (100 ft.<sup>3</sup>), or part thereof, discharged in excess of four hundred cubic feet (400 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of wastewater in a given billing cycle, every wastewater user shall be billed an additional charge of \$5.88.
  - (3) Automatic Annual Rate Increase: Every year on the first of May, both the minimum wastewater charge and the basic wastewater user rate applicable to all metered wastewater connections shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025
Minimum Wastewater Charge	\$ 27.29	\$ 29.75	\$ 31.23
Basic Wastewater User Rate	\$ 6.40	\$ 6.98	\$ 7.33

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the minimum wastewater charge and basic wastewater user rate applicable to all metered wastewater connections shall be immediately and automatically increased by five percent (5%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2026.

- (B) Bulk-Use Connections: Any metered wastewater user whose average discharge is in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand cubic feet (150,000 ft.<sup>3</sup>) per month is and shall be deemed a “bulk wastewater user.” Bulk wastewater users shall pay the following rates in lieu of the amounts listed in subpart (A) of this Section, above:
  - (1) Monthly Billing Cycle: all bulk wastewater users shall be billed on a monthly basis.

- (2) **Minimum Wastewater Bulk-User Charge:** For the first two hundred cubic feet (200 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of wastewater discharged in a given billing cycle, all bulk wastewater users shall be charged a flat fee of \$12.52.
- (3) **Basic Wastewater Bulk-User Rate:** For every hundred cubic feet (100 ft<sup>3</sup>), or part thereof, discharged in excess of two hundred cubic feet (200 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of wastewater in a given billing cycle, every bulk wastewater user shall be billed an additional charge of \$8.80.
- (4) **Automatic Annual Rate Increase:** Every year on the first of May, both the minimum wastewater bulk-user charge and the basic wastewater bulk-user rate shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025
Bulk-User Minimum Charge	\$ 13.65	\$ 14.88	\$ 15.62
Bulk-User	\$ 9.59	\$ 10.45	\$ 10.97

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the minimum wastewater bulk-user charge and the basic wastewater bulk-user rate shall be immediately and automatically increased by five percent (5%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2026.

(C) **Non-Metered Residential Connections:**

- (1) All non-metered residential wastewater users of the wastewater facilities shall pay a minimum flat-rate charge per billing cycle adequate to cover: (i) the applicable debt service charge, (ii) the minimum service charge applicable to metered connections, and (iii) a residential non-metered basic wastewater user rate of \$72.02.
- (2) No non-metered residential user may discharge more than 1,200 cubic feet of wastewater in any given billing cycle.
- (3) Every year on the first of May, the residential non-metered basic wastewater user rate shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025
Basic User Rate (Non-Metered Residential)	\$ 78.50	\$ 85.56	\$ 89.84

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the residential non-metered basic wastewater user rate shall be immediately and automatically increased by five percent (5%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2026.

(D) **Non-Metered Commercial, Industrial, and Governmental Connections:**

- (1) All non-metered commercial, industrial, or governmental users of the wastewater facilities shall pay a minimum flat-rate charge per billing cycle adequate to cover (i) the applicable debt service charge, (ii) the minimum service charge applicable to metered connections, and (iii) a commercial non-metered basic wastewater user rate of \$118.97.
- (2) No non-metered commercial, industrial, or governmental user may discharge more than 2,000 cubic feet of wastewater in any given billing cycle.
- (3) Every year on the first of May, the commercial non-metered basic wastewater user rate shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025
Basic User Rate (Non-Metered Commercial, Industrial, and Governmental)	\$ 129.68	\$ 141.35	\$ 148.42

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the commercial non-metered basic wastewater user rate shall be immediately and automatically increased by five percent (5%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2026.

- (E) **Overuse by Non-Metered Connections:** In the event that the City determines that a non-metered user connected to the wastewater facilities has discharged in excess of 1,200 cubic feet (if residential) or 2,000 cubic feet (if commercial, industrial, or governmental) in a given billing cycle, the City may require such non-metered user to install metering devices, acceptable to the City, on its the water supply and/or sewer main as necessary to measure the amount of service supplied. All costs associated with any such meter shall be paid by the non-metered user.
- (F) Any non-metered user connected to the wastewater facilities may install metering devices, acceptable to the City, on its the water supply and/or sewer main as necessary to measure the amount of service supplied. All costs associated with any such meter shall be paid by the non-metered user.

**SECTION 4:** Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 24 (Rates and Charges), Section 13.24.017 (Sprinkler Water Service Charges) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 13.24.017 SPRINKLER WATER SERVICE CHARGES.**

- (A) There are hereby established the rates and charges for use of sprinkler water provided by the City of Crest Hill through the city waterworks. A sprinkler meter is defined as a second water meter provided by the city for outside use that will not utilize the city’s wastewater facilities. Sprinkler meters shall be purchased exclusively from the city. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to ensure proper installation of their sprinkler meter. A representative of the water department shall inspect all sprinkler meter installations. Sprinkler water service charges shall be separate and apart from any city water service charges, wastewater service charges, or from any

debt service charges as specified in §§13.24.010 through 13.24.015 of this chapter.

- (B) For use of City water service for sprinkler purposes, the following rates and charges shall apply to all metered sprinkler connections:
  - a. Base Sprinkler Charge: For the first four hundred cubic feet (400 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of water used in a given billing cycle, the user shall pay a flat fee of \$25.50.
  - b. Volumetric Sprinkler Charge: For every 100 cubic feet (100 ft.<sup>3</sup>), or part thereof, used in excess of four hundred cubic feet (400 ft.<sup>3</sup>) of water in a given billing cycle, the user shall pay an additional charge of \$5.02.
- (C) Every year on the first of May, both the base sprinkler charge and the volumetric sprinkler charge shall be immediately and automatically increased, without additional notice, as follows:

Implementation Date	5/1/2023	5/1/2024	5/1/2025	5/1/2026	5/1/2027	5/1/2028	5/1/2029	5/1/2030	5/1/2031
Base Sprinkler Charge	\$ 28.30	\$ 31.41	\$ 34.87	\$ 38.71	\$ 42.96	\$ 47.69	\$ 52.94	\$ 58.76	\$ 62.28
Volumetric Sprinkler Charge	\$ 5.57	\$ 6.18	\$ 6.86	\$ 7.62	\$ 8.45	\$ 9.38	\$ 10.42	\$ 11.56	\$ 12.26

Unless otherwise ordained by the City Council, the base sprinkler charge and volumetric sprinkler charge shall be immediately and automatically increased by six percent (6%) on each May first beginning on May 1, 2032.

- (D) Billing for sprinkler service shall be as specified in §13.24.050 of this chapter, and the procedure for handling delinquent bills shall be in accordance with §13.24.140 of this chapter. The procedure for establishing liens on behalf of the city for unpaid water bills shall be in accordance with §13.24.080 of this chapter.

**SECTION 5:** Title 13 (Water and Sewer), Chapter 24, (Rates and Charges), Section 13.24.050 (Bills) is hereby amended, in part, to read as follows:

**§ 13.24.050 BILLS.**

- (A) Except as otherwise required in this Chapter, the rates or charges for service shall be payable in bi-monthly billing cycles. The owner of the premises, the occupant thereof and the user(s) of the service shall be jointly and severally liable to pay for the service to such premises and the service provided by the city to the premises upon the aforesated condition. All bills and accounts for service shall be held only in the name of the title owner of record of the premises. All account holders, when necessary, will fully comply with the state statutes, then in effect, relating to notification of tenants of the water and sewer utility charges.

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**SECTION 6:** In the event that any provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or

clauses of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions, portions, or clauses of this Ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses.

**SECTION 7:** That all ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 8:** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

**SECTION 9:** That this Ordinance, and the water and sewer rates imposed hereby, shall be in full force and effect on and after May 1, 2022.

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PASSED THIS 7 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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Alderman Scott Dyke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

  
Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 7 DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

  
Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:





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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk