

ORDINANCE O-7-2023

AMENDING ORDINANCE O-8-2022 ESTABLISHING SEWER USER RATES AND SEWER CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-35-414 provides that municipalities have authority by ordinance to adopt any rules and regulations deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this statute, including the adoption of a system of sanitary sewer fees for services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee, that Ordinance O-8-2022 is hereby amended and that the proposed Lakeland Sewer User Rates are adopted as follows:

SECTION 1. Residential Sewer User Rate
Effective July 1, 2023
Minimum Bill \$27.92
Volumetric Rate \$2.31/ccf

SECTION 2. Commercial Sewer User Rate
Effective July 1, 2023

Commercial Rates (per Month)				
Meter Size (IN)	Maximum Flow Rate (GPM)	Multiplier	Minimum Bill (\$)	\$/ccf
5/8 & 3/4	20	1	27.92	2.31
1	50	2.5	69.80	2.31
1 1/2	100	5	139.60	2.31
2	160	8	223.36	2.31
3	500	25	698.00	2.31
4	1,000	50	1,396.00	2.31
6	1,600	80	2,233.60	2.31
8	2,800	140	3,908.80	2.31
10	4,400	220	6,142.40	2.31

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SECTION 3. All sewer user rates shall have an automatic annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on the US Bureau of Labor and Statistics Consumer Price Index for the South Region.

SECTION 4. The City of Lakeland will make adjustments to customer sewer bills where said adjustment is necessary to correct billing errors, to correct errors due to equipment failure, or to fairly apply the rates and rules of the City. Where a customer experiences extraordinary water consumption during a billing period due to a break in customer owned plumbing, equipment malfunction, etc. and said water did not enter the sanitary sewer system, the City may adjust the sanitary sewer charge to an amount that is typical of customer's normal usage. A written request shall be submitted to the City within 60 days of the incident. The request shall state the account number, name of the account holder, service address, contact information, and reason for the adjustment. Supporting documentation shall accompany the request documenting the repair (i.e. receipt) and utility bills covering the previous 12-month period. The adjustment will cover no more than two (2) consecutive months. One (1) financial adjustment will be allowed every one (1) year. Adjustments will not be considered for normal outdoor water usage (i.e. irrigation, car washing, pressure washing, swimming pools, etc.).

SECTION 5. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: March 9, 2023

Public Hearing: April 6, 2023

Final Reading: April 6, 2023

Josh Roman, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Debra Murrell
City Recorder