

Ordinance No. 16-04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER USER CHARGE AND SEWER USER CHARGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE, COOK AND KANE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois (the "Village") is a home-rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including but not limited to the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Corporate Authorities") have determined that the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the water system and wastewater treatment facilities in the Village exceed the revenue generated by the current water user charge and the sewer user charge; and,

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that water user charge and the sewer user charge should be in proportion to the cost of operation, maintenance and replacement of the supply water and the treatment works; and,

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village that the Annual Fee schedule be amended to reflect the actual costs associated with the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the Village's water system and waste water treatment facility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois, as follows:

*Section 1.* That the Annual Fee Schedule of the Village of East Dundee is hereby amended by replacing the charges pertaining to from Chapter 51-Water Service and Chapter 53-Sewer Service, as follows:

***"Chapter 51-Water Service***

***5. Water User Charge; (Sec. 51.37(A):***

***Within the Corporate Limits:***

**Residential and Commercial Rates:**

Water per 1,000 Gallons \$5.9717

***Chapter 53-Sewer Charge***

***3. Wastewater User Charge; (Sec. 53.62(a)):***

**Residential and Commercial Rates:**

Sewer per 1,000 Gallons \$7.6209

*Section 2. Severability.* If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

*Section 3. Repeal.* All ordinances, resolutions, motions or parts thereof in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

*Section 4. Publication.* That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.


*Passed* by the Village President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2016, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES: Trustees Gorman, Lynam, Selep, Wood and Hall


NAYS:  $\emptyset$

ABSENT: Trustee Skillicom

**APPROVED** by me, as Village President of the Village of East Dundee, Cook and Kane Counties, Illinois, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2016.

  
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Village President

Attest:

  
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Village Clerk



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March 2, 2016

To: Village Board of Trustees

From: Robert J. Skurla  
Village Administrator

Ref: Proposed water and sewer rate increases.

Village Board,

As per the discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 15, 2016, we have prepared this report and corresponding legislation to address a proposed 33% increase in the current water and sewer rates. The consensus of the Board appeared to favor keeping the "availability charge" the same at \$2.50 per month for both funds but only raise the "user fee" part of the bill by the recommended amount. The overall effect on the two accounts would be to raise the net revenues by \$396,167.60. See the chart below.

	Current Rate	New Proposed Rate	33% increase New Rate	Units	Increase
Water	4.4900	5.9717	1.4817	127,272.00	188,578.92
Sewer	5.7300	7.6209	1.8909	109,783.00	207,588.67
<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>					<b>\$396,167.60</b>

During the current fiscal year, the Home Rule Sales Tax subsidized the water and sewer funds by \$326,131.00. This rate increase would allow the two funds to be self funded for operations while also putting an additional \$70,000 toward capital improvements and replacement.

Also, as requested by the Village Board, below are sample bills for low, average and large residential users. A low user would be 2 units/2,000 gallons per two month cycle, an average user would be 6 units/6,000 gallons and a large residential user would be 15 units/15,000 gallons. See the chart below.

	Units/Gals.	Current Water	Current Sewer	Total	New Water	New Sewer	New Total
Low User	2/2,000	\$5.00+8.98	\$5.00+11.46	<b>\$30.44</b>	\$5.00+11.95	\$5.00+15.25	<b>\$37.20</b>
Ave. User	6/6,000	\$5.00+26.94	\$5.00+34.38	<b>\$71.32</b>	\$5.00+35.83	\$5.00+45.73	<b>\$91.56</b>
Large User	15/15,000	\$5.00+67.35	\$5.00+85.95	<b>\$163.30</b>	\$5.00+89.56	\$5.00+114.32	<b>\$213.88</b>