

Sponsor: Spangler

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-53

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WELLSTON, OHIO, ADOPTING, AMENDING AND REPLACING RELEVANT SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 51 OF THE WELLSTON CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Wellston Council has established rules and regulations for municipal Water and Sewer Charges and have codified those Rules as Chapter 51 of the Wellston Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City Service Director and Mayor have recommended amendments to sections of Chapter 51: Water and Sewer Rates, specifically Section 51.08 titled Water and Sewer Rate Schedule of the Wellston Codified Ordinances, a copy of the revised Rules and Regulations detailing amendments to be made is attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and given input on the Rules; and

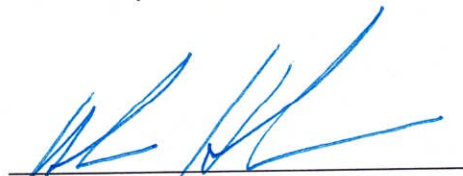
WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City to adopt the Rules, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Relevant Sections of Chapter 51: Water and Sewer Rates, specifically Section 51.08 titled Water and Sewer Rate Schedule of the Wellston Codified Ordinances, is hereby amended and replaced as detailed in attached Exhibit A.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal acts of this council concerning and relating to adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this council and that the deliberations of the council and any of its committees resulted in such formal action, wherein meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 21st day of August, 2025.



President of Council



ATTEST:

MBE Gnsangle
Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Approved this 21st day of August, 2025.

[Signature]
Mayor

Published in accordance with the law on 7/17/25 and 8/7/25 and posted 8/27/25 through 9/27/25 at The Store, Wellston City Hall, Wellston Senior Citizens' Center, the Wellston Public Library and the Wellston Post Office.

MBE Gnsangle
Clerk of Council

Reviewed by: Joe Kirby, Attorney at Law



Water Rates

	Current Year 2025	Year 1 2026	Year 2 2027	Year 3 2028
Base Rate Increase Percentage	1.75	2.5	2.5	2.5
Base Rate Increase		\$0.41	\$0.42	\$0.43
New Base Rate	\$16.25	\$16.66	\$17.07	\$17.50
Water Rate Increase Percentage	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.50
Water Rate Increase		\$0.27	\$0.28	\$0.28
0 Gallons to 8000 Gallons	\$10.83	\$11.10	\$11.38	\$11.66
Water Rate Increase Percentage (Over 8000 Gallon)	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.50
Water Rate Increase (Over 8000 Gallon)		\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.22
Over 8000 Gallons (\$/1000 Gallons)	\$8.22	\$8.43	\$8.64	\$8.85
Water Based Businesses High Use Commercial	\$5.01	\$5.17	\$5.17	\$5.17

Water based businesses after year 3 will increase 2.5% per year and will include General Mills

Water Rates (Outside of City Limits)

	Current Year 2025	Year 1 2026	Year 2 2027	Year 3 2028
Base Rate Increase Percentage	1.75	2.5	2.5	2.5
Base Rate Increase		\$0.41	\$0.21	\$0.42
New Base Rate	\$16.25	\$16.66	\$16.86	\$17.29
50% Rate Increase Outside City Limits	\$8.13	\$8.33	\$8.43	\$8.64
Total Rate Outside of City Limits	\$24.38	\$24.98	\$25.30	\$25.93

Water Rate Increase Percentage	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.50
Water Rate Increase		\$0.27	\$0.28	\$0.28
0 Gallons to 8000 Gallons	\$10.83	\$11.10	\$11.38	\$11.66
50% Rate Increase Outside City Limits	\$5.42	\$5.55	\$5.69	\$5.83
Total Rate Outside of City Limits	\$16.25	\$16.65	\$17.07	\$17.49

Water Rate Increase Percentage (Over 8000 Gallon)	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.50
Water Rate Increase (Over 8000 Gallon)		\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.22
Over 8000 Gallons (\$/1000 Gallons)	\$8.22	\$8.43	\$8.64	\$8.85
50% Rate Increase Outside City Limits	\$4.11	\$4.21	\$4.32	\$4.43
Total Rate Outside of City Limits	\$12.33	\$12.64	\$12.95	\$13.28

Outside City limits, water and sewer charges are 1.5 times higher than inside.

Minimum is base plus 0-1000 gallons rate for both water and sewer.

Sewer Rates

	Current Year 2025	Year 1 2026	Year 2 2027	Year 3 2028
Base Rate Increase	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Rate Increase		\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09
Sewer Base	\$17.50	\$17.59	\$18.09	\$18.18

Sewer Rate Increase Percentage	2.75	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rate Increase Percentage		\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.11
0 Gallons	\$4.02	\$4.12	\$4.22	\$4.33

Sewer Rate Increase Percentage	2.75	2.5	2.5	2.5
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Rate Increase Percentage		\$0.33	\$0.34	\$0.35
0 Gallons to 1000 Gallons (Price Per 1000 Gallon)	\$13.18	\$13.51	\$13.85	\$14.19
Over 2000 Gallon add to each additional 1000	\$13.18	\$13.51	\$13.85	\$14.19

Sewer (Outside City Limits)

	Current Year 2025	Year 1 2026	Year 2 2027	Year 3 2028
Base Rate Increase Percentage	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Base Rate Increase		\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.09
New Base Rate	\$17.50	\$17.59	\$17.68	\$17.76
50% Rate Increase Outside City Limits	\$8.75	\$8.79	\$8.84	\$8.88
Total Rate Outside of City Limits	\$26.25	\$26.38	\$26.51	\$26.65
Sewer Rate Increase Percentage	2.75	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rate Increase Percentage		\$0.33	\$0.34	\$0.35
0 Gallons to 1000 Gallons (Price Per 1000 Gallon)	\$13.18	\$13.51	\$13.85	\$14.19
50% Rate Increase Outside City Limits	\$6.59	\$6.75	\$6.92	\$7.10
Total Rate Outside of City Limits	\$19.77	\$20.26	\$20.77	\$21.29
Over 2000 Gallons add to each 1000	\$13.18	\$13.51	\$13.85	\$14.19
50% Rate Increase Outside City Limits	\$6.59	\$6.75	\$6.92	\$7.10
Total Rate Outside of City Limits	\$19.77	\$20.26	\$20.77	\$21.29

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Garbage Rates

Base Rate (one trash can included)	\$	17.00
Each Additional Can (95 or 35 Gallon)	\$	7.00
Large Wrapped Household Item	\$	15.00
Each Additional Outside Bag	\$	2.00
Per Compaction	\$	75.00

Large Household Items left unwrapped for consecutive weeks will incur additional charges to be determined by the Utility Supervisor

Tap Fees

Type of Connection	Tap Fee
Sewer	\$ 1,200.00
Water Taps	
3/4 inch and 1 inch	\$ 1,200.00
pre-approved meters larger than 2 inch purchased by customer	\$ 1,275.00 plus meter cost and installation
Lids	\$ 30.00
Ring	\$ 40.00
Risers	\$ 125.00

Service Related Fees

Type	Cost
New Service Deposit	\$ 200.00
New Service Application Fee	\$ 100.00
Leak Insurance (Monthly)	\$ 3.00
Checking for water leaks and "bucket tests" inside the area whose service is registered by water meter	\$ 40.00
After Hours/Weekend Call-out fees	\$ 150.00
Re-reading meter when reading does not result in correction of initial reading	\$ 40.00

Tampering Fee	\$	200.00
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Non-Payment	\$	100.00
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Credit/Debit Card Convenience Fee imposed by Invoicing Software	\$	2.95
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Rate Changes to take effect January 1st of each year