

**ORDINANCE #23-02**

**ADOPTED:** November 27, 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-02 AND ESTABLISHING RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT WATER BASE RATES AND SURCHARGES, ESTABLISHING RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT SEWER BASE RATES AND SURCHARGES, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornville is charged with maintaining the water lines and services for present and future needs; and

WHEREAS, beginning with Ordinance 16-04, Council for the Village of Thornville adopted several pieces of legislation dealing with water rates and surcharges; and

WHEREAS, with Ordinance 18-02, Council for the Village of Thornville set the monthly Base Rates and Surcharges for 2018 – 2022; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Thornville kept the 2023 rates unchanged from 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornville recently had a rate study completed. This study showed a \$35.00 per month rate increase must be implemented over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Thornville now wants to set these rates for the next five years.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Village of Thornville, Perry County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: Ordinance Number 18-02, establishing residential and non-resident Water Base Rates and Surcharges as well as Sewer Base Rates and Surcharges, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Each and every metered water customer, whose property is located within the Village of Thornville, shall pay the following Base Water Rate plus additional Surcharge:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Base Water Rate</b>		<b>Surcharge</b>
2024	\$14.50	+	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
2025	\$17.75	+	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
2026	\$22.00	+	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
2027	\$25.50	+	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
2028	\$27.50	+	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons

Each and every user of the Village water service, whose property is located outside the Village of Thornville and has installed a service line at his/her own cost and is not serviced by the Northern Perry County Water & Wastewater, shall pay the following Base Water Rate plus additional Surcharge:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Base Water Rate</b>		<b>Surcharge</b>
2024	\$27.70	+	\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons
2025	\$30.95	+	\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons
2026	\$35.20	+	\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons
2027	\$38.70	+	\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons
2028	\$40.70	+	\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons

All Village of Thornville sewer charges shall be calculated on the volume of wastewater discharged directly or indirectly into the sewer system and shall be measured by water used by each sewer user shown on the customer's water meter reading.

Each and every user of the Village sewer service, whose property is located within the Village of Thornville, shall pay the following Base Sewer Rate plus additional Surcharge:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Base Sewer Rate</b>		<b>Surcharge</b>
2024	\$19.50	+	\$6.25 per 1,000 gallons
2025	\$22.75	+	\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons
2026	\$25.00	+	\$6.75 per 1,000 gallons
2027	\$28.00	+	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons
2028	\$32.50	+	\$7.25 per 1,000 gallons

In addition to the Base Sewer Rate and Surcharge listed above, each and every user of the Village sewer service, whose property is located within the Village of Thornville, also shall the following Debt Service Charge and Storm Sewer Charge:

- a. **Debt Service Charge:** \$30.00 per month per customer or per unit in the case of a building or structure having more than one dwelling unit, plus
- b. **Storm Sewer Charge:** \$3.00 per month per customer or per unit in the case of a building or structure having more than one dwelling unit.

Each and every user of the Village sewer service, whose property is located outside the Village of Thornville and is not serviced by the Northern Perry County Water & Wastewater, shall pay the following Base Sewer Rate plus additional Surcharge:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Base Sewer Rate</b>		<b>Surcharge</b>
2024	\$37.00	+	\$11.25 per 1,000 gallons
2025	\$40.25	+	\$11.50 per 1,000 gallons
2026	\$42.50	+	\$11.75 per 1,000 gallons
2027	\$45.50	+	\$12.00 per 1,000 gallons
2028	\$50.00	+	\$12.25 per 1,000 gallons

In addition to the Base Sewer Rate and Surcharge listed above, each and every user of the Village sewer service, whose property is located outside the Village of Thornville and who is not service by the Northern Perry County Water & Wastewater, also shall pay the following Debt Service Charge:

- a. **Debt Service Charge:** \$30.00 per month per customer or per unit in the case of a building or structure having more than one dwelling unit or structure having more than one dwelling unit.

The Village may audit all rates and charges and adjust any rate and/or charge accordingly to make certain the water and sewer systems are, and will continue to be, self-sufficient and properly managed, maintained, and operational.

SECTION 2: The rates and charges set forth herein shall take effect on January 1 of each calendar year identified in Section 1.

SECTION 3: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent part thereof.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and all deliberations of the Council and any of the decisions making bodies of the Village of Thornville which resulted in which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Gina Kaetzel, Mayor  
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ATTEST

Traci Sturgill  
Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023:

Brian M. Zets  
Brian M. Zets, Esq.  
Village Solicitor