VILLAGE OF BELLAIRE
Resolution #17 of 2024

WHEREAS, the Village adopted Resolution No. 1 of 2009 on February 4, 2009, Resolution No. 1 of 2011 on January 18, 2011, Resolution No. 3 of 2012 on February 1, 2013 and Resolution No. 12 of 2013 on October 2, 2013, Resolution No. 2 of 2016 on January 6, 2016, Resolution #21 of 2019, Resolution No. 23 of 2019 on October 9, 2019, Resolution No. 21 of 2020 on August 5, 2020, Resolution No. 24 of 2022 on November, 2, 2022, Resolution No. 14 of 2024 on November 6, 2024 and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council amended Resolution No. 2 of 2016 to establish and clarify language voted upon by Council at the November 2, 2018 regular Village Council meeting by adopting Resolution No. 22 of 2018,

WHEREAS, further review of rates needs to be completed due to increasing maintenance costs of repairs to the wastewater system and mandates from the State of Michigan and for repairs to the waterworks system;

WHEREAS, the Village water ordinance and sewer ordinance authorizes water and sewer fees by resolution, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 17 of 2024 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Recitals

A. The Village currently operates a wastewater and waterworks system within the Village.

B. The State of Michigan has mandated waterline repair and replacement of any part of a waterline that contains lead.

C. As a result of this mandate, the cost to repair and replace is significant.

D. In addition, the Village has been able to identify necessary repairs to and replacement of various components of the wastewater system.

E. To provide the revenue needed to operate, maintain, and repair the wastewater treatment facility and waterworks systems, water and sewer user fees and charges are necessary.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Article VI of the Bellaire Water Ordinance and Article VIII of the Bellaire Sewer Use Ordinance, the Village Council hereby establishes the following rates and fees for water and sewer services connected to the Bellaire water and sewer systems:

WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES

1. Water Rates.

Except as provided in paragraph 3 below, every user of water from the Bellaire waterworks system, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village the amounts specified below:

a. Ready to Serve Fee: [Amended 8-19-09] [Amended 10-02-13 with Res. #12 of 2013] [Amended 10-05-16 with Res #17 of 2016] [Amended 10-9-19 with Res #23 of 2019] [Amended with Res #21 of 2020] [Amended 11-2-2022 with Res #24 of 2022]

5/8 – 3/4" line $.....16.95
1" line .....…28.25
1.5" line ……..56.50
2" line ……90.40
3" line ……..169.50
4" line ……..282.50
6" line ……..657.46

With the exception of Sewer Only and Irrigation accounts, Water Ready to Serve Fees shall be **charged to *or assessed against*** all accounts, whether turned on or shut off. [Amended 11-07-2018]

b. $4.41 per 1,000 gallons after the Ready to Serve Fee. [Amended 10-02-13 with Res. #12 of 2013] [Amended 10-05-16 with Res #17 of 2016] [Amended 10-9-19 with Res #23 of 2019] [Amended 8-5-2020 with Resolution #21 of 2020] [Amended 11-2-2022 with Res #24 of 2022]

c. Water Line Replacement Fee [Amended 8-19-09; Amended 10-05-16 with Res #17 of 2016]

5/8 – 3/4" line….. $ 1.19
1" line …….. 1.77
1.5" line ……3.34
2" line …… 5.63
3" line ……..11.93
4" line ……..21.09
6" line ……..46.29
8" line ……..82.07
10" line ……..134.84

2. Sewer Rates.

Except as provided in paragraph 3 below, every user of sewer service~~s~~ from the Bellaire wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village the amounts specified below:

a. Ready to Serve Fee: [Amended 8-19-09; Amended 10-02-13 with Res. #12 of 2013] [Amended 10-05-16 with Res #17 of 2016] [Amended 10-9-19 with Res #23 of 2019] [Amended 8-5-2020 with Res #21 of 2020] [Amended 11-2-22 with Res #24 of 2022] [Amended 7-17-2024 with Res# 14 of 2024]

5/8" – 3/4" line…. $40.09
1" line ……. 71.27
1.5" line …….160.36
2" line ……... 285.08
3" line ……641.42
4" line ……... 1,140.30
6" line 2,231.24

With the exception of Water Only and Irrigation accounts, Sewer Ready to Serve Fees shall be **charged to** or ***assessed against*** all accounts, whether turned on or shut off. [Amended 11-07-2018]

b. $6.14 per 1,000 gallons after the Ready to Serve Fee. [Amended 10-02-03 with Res. #12 of 2013; Amended 10-05-16 with Res #17 of 2016; Amended 10-9-19 with Res #23 of 2019] [Amended 11-2-22 with Res #24 of 2022] [Amended 7-17-2024 with Res #14 of 2024]

c. $1.95 per 1,000 gallons after the Ready to Serve Fee for sludge removal. [Amended 1-6-16 with Resolution #2 of 2016] [Amended 7-17-2024 with Res #14 of 2024]

d. Customers receiving a past due/shut off notice will be charged a fee of $1.00 at the time the notice is sent. Landlords requesting a notice of past due/shut off will not be charged the $1.00 fee.

3. Special Water and Sewer Rates.

a. Every user of water or sewer services from the Bellaire waterworks system or the Bellaire wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, who is located outside the Village limits, shall pay the Village for those services at a rate two (2) times the rates specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

b. For water users who are located within the Village of Bellaire and who connect to a Village fire hydrant (after obtaining permission from the Village) for the purpose of filling swimming pools or other similar purposes, a charge of $4.41 per 1,000 gallons shall be paid to the Village, plus the connection fee specified in paragraph 4d below. For water users who are not located within the Village of Bellaire, this service shall be (2) times the rate specified above, plus the connection fee specified in paragraph 4d below. [Amended 10-02-03 with Res. #12 of 2013; Amended 10-05-16 with Res #17 of 2016; Amended 1-8-2025 with Res #17 of 2024]

4. Connection Fees.

a. Every water user who is located inside the Village and who connects to the Village waterworks system with a pipe 3/4 inch in diameter or less, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village a connection fee of $1,313.00. If the user connects to the Village waterworks system with a pipe larger than 3/4 inch in diameter, then the connection fee shall be $1,313.00, plus the actual costs incurred by the Village as a result of installing the larger service pipe and associated equipment. The water service connection fee provided in this paragraph and paragraph c below shall include all of the following: (1) the waterworks connection permit application fee, (2) a service pipe at least 3/4 inch in diameter, (3) the corporation stopcock, (4) the street or alley excavation fee, except the cost of re-paving the street, which shall be paid to the Village by the property owner at the Village's actual costs, (5) the water meter, (6) the water meter inspection fee, (7) a shutoff valve and box, and (8) the initial turn on fee.

b. Every sewer user who is located inside the Village and who connects to the Village wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village a connection fee as follows:

5/8" – 3/4" line	$ 1,492.00
1" line	$ 2,164.00
1.25" line	$ 3,004.00
1.5" line	$ 4,012.00
2" line	$ 6,700.00
3" line	$ 14,092.00
4" line	$ 24,844.00
6" line	$ 54,412.00
8" line	$ 96,412.00

10” line .....$ 149,332.00

The sewer connection fee provided in this paragraph and paragraph c below shall include all of the following: (1) the sewer connection permit application fee, (2) the tap-in saddle, if applicable, (3) the street or alley excavation permit fee, except the cost of re-paving the street, which shall be paid to the Village by the property owner at the Village’s actual costs, and (4) the sewer inspection fee, if the inspection is conducted during normal work hours. If the sewer inspection is conducted after normal business hours, an additional fee of $80.00 shall be charged. [Amended 8-19-09]

c. Every water or sewer user who is located outside the Village and who connects to the Village waterworks system or the Village wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village a connection fee of (2) times the amount specified in section 4a above for water and section 4b for sewer.

d. Every water user who is located within the Village and connects to a Village fire hydrant for the purpose of filling swimming pools or other similar purposes shall pay to the Village a connection fee of $50.00. For every water user who is not located within the Village, this service shall be (2) times the rate specified above. An approved backflow device and hydrant meter must be used when filling pools or other similar purposes. [Amended 1-8-2025 with Res #17 of 2024]

5. **Miscellaneous Fees.**

a. Every bill for water and sewer services shall contain a 1% surcharge to help defray the costs of increased environmental regulations imposed by the state and federal governments. The surcharge shall be calculated on the monthly charges of both water and sewer individually.

b. Users requesting the Village to turn on or to turn off their Village water service (other than the turn on or off following an initial connection to the waterworks system) shall pay the Village $30.00 for each request; except that after work hours, or on weekends and holidays, they shall pay $80.00. Department of Public Works shall accept a check or money order before the water is turned off or turned back on. Cash or credit cards will not be accepted for this service after normal working hours, on weekends or on holidays. [Amended 8-19-09] [Amended 11-07-2018]

c. If the Village does not receive payment for water and sewer charges as of the due date of the bill, a late fee of 5% of the total water and sewer charges shall be imposed and shall be payable to the Village immediately. [Amended 8-19-09]

d. Water/Sewer service turn off for non-payment will occur at 11:00 AM on the day after the due date. No additional grace period shall be granted. Before turning off a service for non-payment, village staff will telephone the customer at the phone number the customer has supplied to the village offices in an attempt to make payment arrangements before shut off occurs. Village staff will track the number of phone calls made and will not call any single customer regarding receipt of payment more than three times. Customers will be informed that they are receiving a second and third call. [Amended 9-4-2019 with Res. #21 of 2019]

A fee of $30.00 will be assessed when turn off occurs. Once the fee is assessed, the account must be brought current (including the turn off fee) before the service is reconnected and will only be turned on during normal business hours. [Amended 02-01-12 with Res. #03 of 2012 and on 10-02-13 with Res. #12 of 2013]

e. The Village Council establishes charges for connections to the waterworks system for the purpose of fire suppression based on the availability of the waterworks system and not on quantity of water used. The amount set for this charge is $150.00 per service and

will be billed annually. This amount will double for fire suppression services outside of the Village limits. [Amended 1-19-11 with Res. #01 of 2011]

f. If a check or credit card is presented for payment of a shutoff notice, and the check is deemed un-cashable by the bank, or the credit card is denied, the water will be shut off immediately until the account is brought current with payment of cash or money order, or a credit card that is successfully processed. [Amended 8-19-09]

g. If a check is presented for payment of water/sewer services and is sent back by the bank as un-cashable, the check writer will be given seven (7) days to make the check good in cash or money order or credit card. If the check has not been made good by the seven (7) days, the water/sewer service to the property will be shut off until such time as monies are received to pay the account in full. Additionally, the shut off fee will be assessed to the account, on top of the check return fee. [Amended 8-19-09]

h. Any water or sewer services or connections performed between November 1 and May 1 each year shall be equal to the normal fees charged for those services or connections, plus the actual costs incurred by the Village as a result of performing those services or connections between those months.

i. The water service and sewer extension application fee shall be $50.00.

j. The charge for an area maintenance meter shall be at current cost paid by the Village for the meter.

k. When written Notice of Tenant Responsibility for water and sewer service is provided to the Village, no further service shall be rendered to the premises until a cash deposit in the amount of $300 in-town and $500 outside of town is made as security for payment thereof. [Added 9-4-2019 with Res. #21 of 2019]

l. A customer/property owner, who receives notice of water leak on premises from the Village Department of Public Works, has thirty (30) days from the date of notice to make repairs. Any adjustments to billed sewer amounts shall not be considered beyond the thirty (30) day period. [Added 9-4-2019 with Res. #21 of 2019]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village.

VILLAGE OF BELLAIRE

By: _____
Dan Bennett, President

By: _____
Angela St. Pierre, Clerk