

**ORDINANCE NO. 725**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, MARYLAND TO SET AND ESTABLISH  
THE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE  
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD,  
MARYLAND.**

**WHEREAS**, MD Code, Environment, § 9-705 and Section C9-1 of the Charter of the City of Crisfield, respectively, authorize the City of Crisfield to construct, operate, modify and maintain a water and sewerage system;

**WHEREAS**, MD Code, Environment, §§ 9-723-26 and Section C9-13 of the Charter of the City of Crisfield, respectively, authorize the City of Crisfield to establish rates, fees and charges for municipal water and sewer services;

**WHEREAS**, the water and sewer rates of the City of Crisfield must be set and established in accordance with the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget of the City of Crisfield and the appropriations thereby made and established for purposes of the Water and Sewer Department; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 22, 2024, Mayor and Council of the City of Crisfield, in accordance with MD Code, Environment, § 9-727, conducted a public hearing on this Ordinance and the water rates set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, MARYLAND THAT**, for purposes of adopting the water rate schedule for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget of the City of Crisfield, Chapter 109 of the Crisfield City Code is hereby presented.

**Section 1.** § 109-6 of the Crisfield City Code, entitled “Rates and charges”;

A. Water rents and water charges for all water furnished on a flat rate basis or for all water used through meters for a residential dwelling or for a small commercial customer as such term is defined in § 94-12, are as follows:

- (1) Inside City limits:
  - (a) Minimum Charge (water utilization of 4,000 gallons or less in a month) - \$21.60/month, per unit.
  - (b) Commodity Charge (water utilization in excess of 4,000 gallons in a month) - \$3.15/thousand gallons, per unit.
- (2) Outside City limits
  - (a) Minimum Charge (water utilization of 4,000 gallons or less in a month) - \$42.90/month, per unit.
  - (b) Commodity Charge (water utilization in excess of 4,000 gallons in a month) - \$3.15/thousand gallons, per unit.
- (3) Outside City limits (hookups): \$300.

B. For all users other than a residential dwelling or a small commercial customer as such term is defined in § 94-12, water rents and water charges for all water used through meters shall be in accordance with the following rate schedules, which said schedules shall apply to each meter in cases where more than one meter serves a building or structure.

- (1) Inside City limits:
  - (a) First 15,000 gallons: \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons.
  - (b) Next 65,000 gallons: \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons.
  - (c) All over 80,000 gallons: \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons.

- (2) Outside City limits:•
  - (a) First 15,000 gallons: \$5.09 per 1,000 gallons.
  - (b) Next 65,000 gallons \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons.
  - (c) All over 80,000 gallons: \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons.
- C. Water service shall be furnished to chicken houses not metered, whether occupied or not, at the following rates:
  - (1) Outside City limits:•
    - (a) \$5.75 per one-thousand-chicken capacity per month.
    - (b) Minimum charge \$48.50 per building per month.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD, MARYLAND,** as follows:

- Section 2.** It is the intention of the Mayor and Council that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.
- Section 3.** It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid and enforceable.
- Section 4.** The above recitals are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.
- Section 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2024.

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**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 22nd day of May 2024, a Public Hearing with regard to this Ordinance, as convened by the Mayor and Council, was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2024, and having been published by law in the meantime, was finally passed at a meeting of the Mayor and Council convened on the \_\_\_\_ day of June 2024.

**CITY COUNCIL OF CRISFIELD:**

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Ivan Lankford, Council Vice-President

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Erick Banks, Councilman

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Casey Goldsborough, Councilman

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Laverne Johnson , Councilwoman

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Ruthie E. Todd, Councilwoman

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

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Darlene Taylor, Mayor

**Approved as to form:**

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Andrew Illuminati,  
City Solicitor