

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153-36 OF
CHAPTER 153 OF THE CITY CODE
TO MODIFY CERTAIN CHARGES AND FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Galax operates a public water system to serve the citizens of the City and to promote public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galax ("Council") has adopted an ordinance providing for certain charges for drinking water and sewer services provided to customers, and finds it necessary to amend such charges at this time; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has caused notice of the proposed amendments to be duly advertised twice in a newspaper having general circulation within the City, and

WHEREAS, in order to protect public health, safety and welfare, Council has determined, after public hearing, to amend Paragraphs A and B of Section 153-36 of Chapter 153 of the Code of the City of Galax, Virginia to provide for the charges as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to promote public health, safety and welfare, BE IT ORDAINED that Section 153-36, paragraphs A and B of the City Code of the City of Galax are hereby amended to read as follows:

The charges provided for in this article shall be arrived in the following manner; the City Manager shall recommend to the City Council the rate to be charged. The rate of charges to be fixed by the City Council shall be based upon meter flow. Beginning with the billings issued on or after July 1, 2023, the rates for consumption of water or treatment of sewer effluent shall be as shown below until amended by ordinance duly adopted by City Council.

A. Inside Corporate Limits.

(1) Bimonthly water rates.

Consumption (Gallons)	Billings 7/1/2023 and Thereafter
0 to 6,000 (base charge)	\$39.00
Over 6,000	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons

(2) Bimonthly sewer rates

Consumption (Gallons)	Billings 7/1/2023 and Thereafter
0 to 6,000 (base charge)	\$39.00
Over 6,000	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons

B. Outside corporate limits
(1) Bimonthly water rates.

Consumption (Gallons)	Billings 7/1/2023 and Thereafter
0 to 6,000 (base charge)	\$78.00
Over 6,000	\$11.00 per 1,000 gallons

(2) Bimonthly sewer rates

Consumption (Gallons)	Billings 7/1/2023 and Thereafter
0 to 6,000 (base charge)	\$78.00
Over 6,000	\$11.00 per 1,000 gallons

All other provisions of Section 153-36 not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective 6-12-23.

Date of Public Hearing: 6-12-23

Effective Date: _____

Council member Larrowe offered the foregoing ordinance, which was seconded

by Council member Ritchie.

Thereupon, the ordinance was put to a vote upon its final adoption, the results as follows:

For: 7
Against: 0

Dated: 6-12-23

Approved: Willie T. Greene
Willie Greene, Mayor

Attest: Gavin Blevins
Gavin Blevins, Acting City Manager