

## VILLAGE OF POTSDAM

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Resolutions for May 28, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Trustee Schulte Moved and Trustee Williams Seconded a resolution as follows:

### **LOCAL LAW #3-2024**

## Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend Chapter 173 Water, Article II Water Rents, §173-13 Annual charge; minimum charges; billing; payments; and penalties of the Village of Potsdam Municipal Code.

## Section 2. Amendment.

## Replace §173-13 A. (1-3) and B. (1) (a-b) with the following:

A. Annual charge/total user cost statement of policy. In order to establish and operate the Water Department and the water treatment plant of the Village as a separate utility and to ensure its proper operation, repair and maintenance, it shall be the policy of the Village to establish and impose a scale of annual charges for the use of the water system or any parts thereof. The total annual charge of the water fund shall be divided into two fractions: a variable usage-based fraction and a fixed equivalent dwelling unit (EDU)-based fraction. Rates shall be set so as to derive 60% of the total annual cost from the variable portion and 40% from the fixed portion.

- (1) The variable user cost shall be measured in thousands of gallons of water use (kG). The fixed user cost shall be measured as multiples of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) (see definition below 173-13 A. (3)). (2) The rates for the water rent's variable user cost and fixed user cost are set as fractions of the total annual metered water and the total number of EDU:
  - (a) Rate for every thousand gallons: Variable user cost = (0.6 x) total annual charge) / total metered water
- (b) Rate per EDU: Fixed user cost = (0.4 x total annual charge) / total number of equivalent dwelling unit(s)
- (3) Equivalent dwelling units defined: Each equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) corresponds to a consumption of 120 gallons of water per day. Appendix A to this Chapter contains a Table of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) for each category of property subject to the provisions of this Chapter. Accounts with EDU assignments "based on prior year consumption" shall have their EDU assignments updated annually based

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on their prior year consumption. The Table of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) may be amended from time to time by simple Board resolution following a public hearing upon not less than seven days' notice. [1] Editor's Note: Said appendix is included as an attachment to this chapter.

B. The Village hereby establishes and imposes the following scale of charges as sewer rents for the use of or connection to the Village of Potsdam water system or any part or parts thereof on real property connected to the Village of Potsdam water system. [Added 5-15-2017 by L.L. No.7-2017]

## (1) Water Rents

(a) Commercial accounts will be billed monthly based on their monthly usage and assigned EDU:

Charge = (Variable user cost x usage) + (Fixed user cost x (equivalent dwelling units/12)) Local Law 3-2024 2 | Page

(b) Non-commercial accounts will be billed quarterly based on their quarterly usage and assigned EDU:

Charge = (Variable user cost x usage) + (Fixed user cost x (equivalent dwelling units/4))

## Section 3. Enactment.

This local law shall become effective immediately upon the notification of the filing of the same with the Secretary of State.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mayor Jacobs-Wilke Trustees Warr, Tirion, Williams and Schulte

Nays: NONE

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, GEORGINE SCOTT, Clerk of the Village of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly passed by the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees at their Special Meeting held on May 28, 2024.

SEORGINE SCOTT, VILLAGE CLERK

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