

Ordinance 16-09

An Ordinance Revising The South Point Utilities Minimum Wastewater Rates and Declaring an Emergency

Whereas, the Council of the Village of South Point, Ohio has deemed it necessary to increase wastewater rates due to increases in operating costs and the need to improve and maintain the wastewater system.

Whereas, the health and safety of the residents of said Village and the users on said system may be directly effected.

Now Therefore Be It Ordained, by the Council of the Village of South Point, Ohio that the South Point Utilities wastewater rates are hereby set as follows and any legislation in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 1. The following charges are minimum charges, not maximum charges, and the Village reserves the right and is obligated to increase the same at any time should the revenues of the wastewater system prove insufficient to pay the operating charge of the bonds issued to construct and acquire said wastewater system;

(A) Minimum non-metered residential Village users, **\$19.25 per month.**

(B) Minimum non-metered residential outside Village users, **\$24.75 per month.**

(C) Commercial users inside the Village, \$2.961 per thousand gallons of water usage based on water meter reading or estimated monthly water usage with a minimum of \$19.25 per month for the first five thousand gallons.

(D) Commercial users outside the Village, \$2.766 per thousand gallons of water usage based on water meter readings or estimated monthly water usage with a minimum of \$24.75 per month for the first five thousand gallons.

(E) For users located in the Solida Sewer Extension area, the non-metered residential rate shall be \$29.50 per month.

(F) For commercial users located in the Solida Sewer Extension area, \$3.135 per thousand gallons of water usage based on water meter readings or estimated monthly water usage with a minimum of \$29.50 for the first five thousand gallons.

Section 2. The new rates shall be effective as of **June 1, 2016.**

Section 3. A late fee of 10% of the current monthly bill shall be added to the account balance if the bill is not paid in full after the due date.

Section 4. Should the bill for any services rendered by South Point Utilities wastewater system remain unpaid for a period of ninety (90) days or longer, it may be certified to the County Auditor at the earliest time allowed and collected at the same time and manner as all other property taxes as provided by Ohio Revised Code 735.29.

Section 5. The property owner which is served by said wastewater system shall be liable to the Village for all wastewater bills. South Point Utilities does not bill renters.

Section 6. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure to provide adequate operating revenues to continue to furnish proper wastewater service to the residents and the users on said wastewater system and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted This 10th Day of May, 2016