

AS AMENDED ON MAY 29, 2018  
ORDINANCE NO. 2483

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO AMEND WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCREASE RATES BY ~~8%~~ **5%** AND MAKING SAID CHANGES EFFECTIVE FOR ALL BILLS DATED OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND THEREAFTER UNLESS AND UNTIL SUBSEQUENTLY REVISED OR CHANGED.

WHEREAS, the water and sewer rates must be revised in accordance with the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget of the City of Salisbury and the appropriations thereby made and established for purposes of the Water and Sewer Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY THAT the following water and sewer rate schedule shall be adopted by the City of Salisbury:

A. Water and Sewer Rate Schedules:

Schedule I Metered Water Changes – In City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	<del>\$23.09</del> <b>\$22.45</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$3.45</del> <b>\$3.35</b> / thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$432.09</del> <b>\$420.08</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$2.00</del> <b>\$1.95</b> / thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$667.77</del> <b>\$649.22</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$1.60</del> <b>\$1.55</b> / thousand gallons

Schedule II Metered Water Charges – Outside City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	<del>\$46.18</del> <b>\$44.90</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$6.89</del> <b>\$6.70</b> / thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$864.17</del> <b>\$840.17</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$4.01</del> / <b>\$3.90</b> thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$1,335.55</del> <b>\$1,298.45</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$3.23</del> / <b>\$3.14</b> thousand gallons

Schedule III Metered Water Charges – Wor-Wic Community College and Urban Service District Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	<del>\$34.63</del> <b>\$33.66/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$5.18</del> <b>\$5.03/ thousand gallons</b>
Commercial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$648.14</del> <b>\$630.13/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$3.01</del> <b>\$2.92/ thousand gallons</b>
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$1,001.66</del> <b>\$973.84/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$2.42</del> <b>\$2.35/ thousand gallons</b>

Schedule IV Sewer Charges – In City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	<del>\$57.03</del> <b>\$55.45/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$8.55</del> <b>\$8.31/ thousand gallons</b>
Commercial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$1,077.34</del> <b>\$1,047.42/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$4.97</del> <b>\$4.84/ thousand gallons</b>
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$1,661.85</del> <b>\$1,615.69/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$3.98</del> <b>\$3.87/ thousand gallons</b>

Schedule V Sewer Charges – Outside City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	<del>\$114.08</del> <b>\$110.91/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$17.11</del> <b>\$16.64/ thousand gallons</b>
Commercial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$2,154.68</del> <b>\$2,094.82/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$9.92</del> <b>\$9.65/ thousand gallons</b>
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$3,323.71</del> <b>\$3,231.39/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$7.98</del> <b>\$7.76/ thousand gallons</b>

Schedule VI Sewer Charges – Wor-Wic Community College and Urban Service District Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	<del>\$85.56</del> <b>\$83.18/ quarter</b>
Commodity Charge	<del>\$12.84</del> <b>\$12.48/ thousand gallons</b>
Commercial	
Customer Charge	<del>\$1,616.01</del> <b>\$1,571.12/ quarter</b>

Commodity Charge	\$7.44 <del>\$7.23</del> / thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial Customer Charge	<del>\$2,492.77</del> <b>\$2,423.53</b> / quarter
Commodity Charge	<del>\$5.99</del> <b>\$5.83</b> / thousand gallons

Schedule VII Sewer Charges – Sewer Only Customers

Rate	Number of fixtures	Quarterly In City Rate	Quarterly Outside City Rate	Quarterly Urban Service District Rate
1	One to two fixtures	<del>\$72.94</del> <b>\$70.92</b>	<del>\$145.88</del> <b>\$141.84</b>	<del>\$109.42</del> <b>\$106.38</b>
2	Three to five fixtures	<del>\$109.42</del> <b>\$106.38</b>	<del>\$218.85</del> <b>\$212.77</b>	<del>\$164.12</del> <b>\$159.57</b>
3	Six to twenty fixtures	<del>\$157.26</del> <b>\$152.90</b>	<del>\$314.52</del> <b>\$305.79</b>	<del>\$235.89</del> <b>\$229.34</b>
	For every five fixtures over twenty	<del>\$64.85</del> <b>\$63.05</b>	<del>\$129.69</del> <b>\$126.09</b>	<del>\$ 97.26</del> <b>\$94.57</b>

Schedule VIII Commercial and Industrial Activities

	Annual In City Rate	Annual Outside City Rate
1) For each fire service	\$373	\$746
2) For each standby operational service	\$373	\$746

B. Definitions:

Residential and Small Commercial Customers – These customers have average water utilization of less than 300,000 gallons in a quarter.

Commercial Customers – These customers have average water utilization of 300,000 gallons to 600,000 gallons per quarter.

Large Commercial/Industrial – These customers have average water utilization over 600,000 gallons per quarter.

Average Water Utilization Per Quarter – This will be based on annual consumption divided by 4 to get average quarterly water utilization.

C. Calculation of Bills:


For Residential and Small Commercial Customers – The minimum charge for both water and sewer will apply if water service is turned on at the water meter and usage is 0-6,000 gallons per quarter. Only the City can turn a meter on and off. For usage of 7,000 gallons and above, the commodity charge will be applied for each 1,000 gallons used and the minimum charge will not be applied.

For Commercial and Large Commercial/Industrial Customers – Every quarterly bill will receive a customer charge for both water and sewer. Then for each thousand gallons used the appropriate commodity charge will be applied.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED that this Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the City Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018 and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 and is to become effective with bills dated October 1, 2018 and after.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk

  
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John R. Heath, President  
Salisbury City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS 30<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2018.

  
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Jacob R. Day, Mayor

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## Department of Finance

**To:** Julia Glanz, City Administrator  
**From:** Keith Cordrey, Director of Finance *KC*  
**Subject:** FY 19 Water Sewer Rate Ordinance  
**Date:** 05/22/18

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Please find attached a Budget Ordinance which sets the Water and Sewer Rates for FY 19. The rates will be effective for the bills dated 10/1/18. The rates have been increased by 5% to cover increased cost of electricity and chemicals in the new waste water treatment plant schedule to come online.

Unless you or the Mayor has further questions, please forward this Ordinance to the Salisbury City Council.