

ORDINANCE NO. 2936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO AMEND WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCREASE RATES BY 6% AND MAKING SAID CHANGES EFFECTIVE FOR ALL BILLS DATED OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND THEREAFTER, UNLESS AND UNTIL SUBSEQUENTLY REVISED OR CHANGED.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the water and sewer rates must be revised in accordance with the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 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 water and sewer rate schedule set forth herein shall be adopted as follows:

Section 1.

A. Water and Sewer Rate Schedules:

Schedule I Metered Water Changes – In City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	\$30.82 \$32.67 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$4.60 \$4.87 / thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	\$576.61 \$611.21 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$2.67 \$2.83 / thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	\$891.13 \$944.60 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$2.13 \$2.26 / thousand gallons

Schedule II Metered Water Charges – Outside City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	\$61.63 \$65.33 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$9.20 \$9.75 / thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	\$1,153.23 \$1,222.42 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$5.36 \$5.68 /thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	\$1,782.28 \$1,889.21 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$4.34 \$4.57 /thousand gallons

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

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	\$46.21 48.98/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$6.91 7.32/ thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	\$864.93 916.82/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$4.01 4.25/ thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	\$1,336.70 1,416.91/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$3.22 3.42/ thousand gallons

Schedule IV Sewer Charges – In City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	\$76.11 80.68/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$11.41 12.09/ thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	\$1,437.70 1,523.96/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$6.64 7.04/ thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	\$2,217.72 2,350.78/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$5.31 5.63/ thousand gallons

Schedule V Sewer Charges – Outside City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial	
Minimum Charge	\$152.23 161.37/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$22.84 24.21/ thousand gallons
Commercial	
Customer Charge	\$2,875.39 3,047.91/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$13.24 14.04/ thousand gallons
Large Commercial/Industrial	
Customer Charge	\$4,435.45 4,701.58/ quarter
Commodity Charge	\$10.65 11.29/ thousand gallons

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

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge	\$114.18 121.03 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$17.13 18.16 / thousand gallons

Commercial

Customer Charge	\$2,156.54 2,285.94 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$9.92 10.52 / thousand gallons

Large Commercial/Industrial

Customer Charge	\$3,326.57 3,526.17 / quarter
Commodity Charge	\$8.00 8.48 / 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	\$97.34 103.19	\$194.69 206.37	\$146.03 154.79
2	Three to five fixtures	\$146.03 154.79	\$292.05 309.57	\$219.03 232.17
3	Six to twenty fixtures	\$209.87 222.47	\$419.73 444.92	\$314.79 333.68
	For every five fixtures over twenty	\$86.55 91.74	\$173.08 183.46	\$129.80 137.59

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.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, as follows:

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury 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 of the City of Salisbury 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 and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.


Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective for all bills dated October 1, 2025 and thereafter.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 12 day of May, 2025 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 9 day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:


Julie A. English, City Clerk


D'Shawn M. Doughty,
City Council President

Approved by me, this 24 day of June, 2025.


Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor