



## Legislation Text

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An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:63, 2:64 and 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Increase Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-10-15) Your approval is requested to amend Sections 2:63, 2:64 and 2:69 of Chapter 29 of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to adjust water, sewer, and stormwater rates due to consumption decreases, necessary debt service coverage, and capital improvement requirements in all three systems. The amendments will provide revenue increases over forecasts of 3.88% in water, 3% in sewer and 2% in stormwater.

Because of continuing reductions in consumption, these recommended rate changes in water, sewer, and stormwater are projected to still result in decreased revenues of \$1,314,976.00, \$657,388.00 and \$9,795.00 respectively, when compared to FY2010. These rate increases are needed to help offset a reduction in consumption, to maintain debt service coverage, and to maintain funding for capital improvement requirements. The impact of these rate increases on a typical single family quarterly bill is \$4.29 or \$17.17 per year, a net increase of 3.02%, if consumption is unchanged from last year.

For comparison purposes a typical single family bill is calculated with 21 units of consumption per quarter, is in the second tier for stormwater charges and receives the 10% discount for payment on or before the due date.

This ordinance is recommended to take effect ten (10) days after legal publication or on July 1, 2010, whichever is later.

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### INCREASE WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2:63, 2:64 AND 2:69 OF CHAPTER 29 OF TITLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR (Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates)

The City of Ann Arbor ordains:

Section 1. That Sections 2:63, 2:64 and 2:69 of Chapter 29 of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended to read as follows:

#### **2:63. Water rates.**

(1) The commodity charges for water service shall be as follows. A unit shall constitute 100 cubic feet. The rates shown are per unit.

	<b>Residential 1</b>	<b>Residential 2</b>	<b>Water Only</b>
1--7 units	\$1.231.14	1.2314	\$4.3108
8--28 units	2.5343	2.5343	4.3108
29--45 units	4.233.99	2.5343	4.3108
Over 45 units	6.105.75	2.5343	4.3108

	Commercial 1 (including multi-family residential)	Commercial 2 (including multi-family residential)	Commercial 3
All Units	\$2.8560	\$5.214.90	\$8.9039

Commercial Customer Charge per Quarter:

5/8" meter	\$12.90
3/4" meter	19.00
1" meter	30.30
1 1/2" meter	\$ 62.00
2" meter	97.00
3" meter	195.00
4" meter	308.00
6" meter	613.00
8" meter	1225.00
10" meter	1960.00

Residential Customer Charge per Quarter:

5/8" meter	\$11.25
3/4" meter	16.55
1" meter	30.30
1 1/2" meter	\$ 62.00
2" meter	97.00
3" meter	195.00
4" meter	308.00
6" meter	613.00
8" meter	1225.00

Fire Service Charge per Quarter:

1" service	\$425.00
1 1/2" service	425.00
2" service	425.00
3" service	425.00
4" service	829.00
6" service	829.00
8;inch service	829.00

**2:64. Sewer rates.**

(1) Commodity charge for customers in Ann Arbor shall be \$3.2110 per 100 cubic feet of water flow of which \$1.358 is a user charge for wastewater plant operation, maintenance and replacement, 3545 cents is a user charge for field operation and maintenance of the sewer system, 1309 cents is a user charge for system planning and administration and \$1.381.18 is applied toward a portion of capital expenditures. Charges for sewer service provided to Ann Arbor Township, Pittsfield Township and Scio Township shall be as provided per the provisions of their respective wastewater treatment or sewer agreements with the City of Ann Arbor.

(2) Customer Charge per Quarter:

5/8" meter	\$10.57
3/4" meter	15.60
1" meter	26.50
1 1/2" meter	53.00
2" meter	84.50
3" meter	169.00
4" meter	265.00
6" meter	528.00
8" meter	1055.00
10" meter	1055.00

**2:69 Stormwater Rates.**

(1) Except as provided in this section and ChapterSection 33, all property shall be subject to the stormwater utility charge.

(2) *Stormwater Discharge Rate.* Each property shall be billed at a quarterly stormwater discharge rate of \$321.00314.68 per acre multiplied by the representative impervious area of the property. The representative impervious area of the property shall be the measured impervious area,

rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre, of the portion of the property discharging to the City’s stormwater system, except for single-family and two-family residential properties and properties considered residential for storm and sewer. These properties have been grouped into the following categories based upon their measured impervious area:

<b>Single-Family and Two-Family Residential</b>		
<b>Measured impervious area</b>	<b>Representative Impervious Area</b>	<b>Quarterly charge</b>
Less than or equal to 2,187 square feet	0.04 acres	\$12.8412.59
Greater than 2,187 square feet to less than or equal to 4,175 square feet	0.07 acres	\$22.4722.04
Greater than 4,175 square feet to less than or equal to 7,110 square feet	0.12 acres	\$38.5237.78
Greater than 7,110 square feet	0.21 acres	\$67.4166.12

(3) *Customer Charge.* Each property shall be billed a customer charge of \$6.77 per quarter.

(4) *Credits to Stormwater Discharge and Customer Charges.* The City shall offer the following credits per quarter to property owners fully satisfying pertinent criteria established in Chapter 33 and in regulations promulgated by the Administrator:

<b>Single-Family and Two-Family Residential</b>	<b>Reduce Total Charge by</b>	
Rain Barrels (One or more )	\$1.852	
Rain Gardens / Cisterns / Dry Wells	\$2.9085	
RiverSafe Homes	\$1.286	
Chapter 63-Compliant Stormwater Control	\$7.4127	
<b>Other Properties</b>	<b>Reduce Stormwater Discharge Rate by</b>	<b>Reduce Customer Charge by</b>
Community Partners for Clean Streams	0.0%	17.3%
Chapter 63-Compliant Stormwater Control	29.5%	0.0%

Other Approved Stormwater Controls	6.4%	17.3%
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(5) *Charges for permitted non-stormwater discharges.* The charges for non-stormwater discharges to the stormwater system that are permitted by the public services area administrator according to Chapter 33, Section 2:217, shall be \$0.310 per 1,000 gallons. If non-stormwater discharges to the stormwater system are controlled such that the discharges cease during periods of precipitation, then the above rate shall be multiplied by a factor of 0.3. For any month in which the user discharges into the stormwater system, there shall be a minimum bill for 100,000 gallons. Stormwater discharges exempt from discharge prohibitions under Section 2:216 (3) are not subject to this charge.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on the tenth day following legal publication or on July 1, 2010, whichever is later.