

ORDINANCE 16-18

CITY OF BRIDGETON

**ESTABLISHING A PHASED IN WATER UTILITY
REVITALIZATION FUNDING PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton is aware of the high value its residents place on safe, reliable, public water, and that maintaining municipal control of the water utility is in the best interest of its residents, and;

WHEREAS, the age of Bridgeton’s water infrastructure, coupled with the inevitable system age-related failures that have (and will) continue make it necessary to take remedial actions, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton deems that there is an urgent need to provide funding to preserve and upgrade the city’s public water utility system, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton desires to establish a Water Utility Revitalization Plan that provides the necessary funding to maintain and upgrade its water utility while preserving local control of the utility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Council of the City of Bridgeton that a quarterly water use surcharge shall be established, and phased-in, according to the provisions of, and use restrictions specified in, **Attachment A**:

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by City Council of the City of Bridgeton that this surcharge becomes effective January 1, 2017 and ends December 31, 2023. At which time the City Council of the City of Bridgeton shall re-examine the need for the surcharge.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 18 day of October 2016

ATTEST:

Darlene Richmond
City Clerk

J. Curtis Edwards
Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly, Mayor

ATTACHMENT A

SURCHARGE FUNDING PLAN PROVISIONS & USE RESTRICTIONS

1. The Fund

- a. The City of Bridgeton CFO shall establish a dedicated capital account within the Water Utility to receive and disperse the surcharge funds.
- b. The surcharge funds SHALL:
 - i. Be used only for water utility upgrades and emergency repairs as approved by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton.
 - ii. NOT be used to supplement utility operational expenses – such as salaries, wages, benefits, insurance, routine maintenance, etc.
 - iii. NOT be used to supplement, or combine with, the utility’s surplus.
 - iv. NOT be borrowed against or transferred into other accounts.

2. The Surcharge

- a. For non-standby customers, the quarterly surcharge (**Qtr SC**) shall be phased-in to the quarterly minimum base water rate applicable to the meter service line size established by **Ordinance 06-39** as listed in the following table:

Service Line	Base Rate	Qtr SC		
		2017	2018	2019-2024
5/8 - 1"	\$25	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$25.00
1¼"	\$52	\$26.00	\$39.00	\$52.00
1½"	\$60	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
2"	\$97	\$48.50	\$72.75	\$97.00
3"	\$123	\$61.50	\$92.25	\$123.00
4"	\$229	\$114.50	\$171.75	\$229.00
6"	\$441	\$220.50	\$330.75	\$441.00
8"	\$825	\$412.50	\$618.75	\$825.00

- b. For standby customers, the quarterly surcharge (**Qtr SC**) shall be phased-in to 50% of the quarterly base water rate applicable to the service line size established by **Municipal Code §149-35(A)** (see table below):

Service Line	Base Rate	Qtr SC		
		2017	2018	2019-2024
5/8 - 1"	\$25	\$6.25	\$9.38	\$12.50
1 1/2"	\$40	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
2"	\$55	\$13.75	\$20.63	\$27.50
4"	\$74	\$18.50	\$27.75	\$37.00
6"	\$120	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
8"	\$180	\$45.00	\$67.50	\$90.00
10"	\$240	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$120.00

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- c. Shall NOT be applied to any residential second water meter account where that installation records external residence water use.