



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Ordinance amending certain prior rate ordinances for the use and services of certain waterworks and sewerage systems of the County of Lake in the State of Illinois.

- Three of the County's twelve water systems, distribute water purchased from the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLC JAWA).
- Member agencies and the County purchase water from CLC JAWA at the rate of \$2.15 per 1000 gallons.
- Due to reduced revenues, related to low water demand, CLC JAWA has been forced to increase their water rate in order to balance their budget.
- The CLC JAWA rate is increasing by \$0.17 from \$2.15 per 1000 gallons to \$2.32 per 1000 gallons.
- In order to accommodate the CLC JAWA increase, we are required to pass this increase along to our customers and our water rate will be increased from \$5.29 to \$5.46 per 1000 gallons.
- This ordinance revises the water rate for all County CLC JAWA water supply systems to incorporate the increase in the CLC JAWA purchase rate.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PRIOR RATE ORDINANCES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF CERTAIN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE

SYSTEMS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED by this County Board of Lake County, State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates, fees and charges for the use and service of certain Waterworks and Sewerage Systems of the County of Lake, billed on a quarterly or bimonthly basis, shall be established as follows:

- (a.) Metered water, 3000 gallons per month minimum:
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| (1.) | General Service Areas | \$ 3.14 per 1,000 gallons |
| (2.) | CLCJAWA Service Areas* | \$ 5.46 per 1,000 gallons |
- (b.) Metered sewer, 3000 gallons per month minimum:
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| (1.) | General Service Areas
(Northeast, Southeast, South Central, Central, Northwest) | \$ 4.33 per 1,000 gallons |
| (2.) | Arbor Vista | \$ 5.39 per 1,000 gallons |
| (3.) | Northeast Central | \$ 4.39 per 1,000 gallons |

- (c.) Un-metered water, per single family residence or equivalent:
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| (1.) | Arden Shores | \$32.45 per month |
| (2.) | Countryside Lake | \$28.66 per month |
| (3.) | Forest Lake | \$18.39 per month |
| (4.) | Oak Terrace | \$16.22 per month |
- (d.) Un-metered sewer, per single family residence or equivalent:
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|------|--|--------------------|
| (1.) | General Service Areas
(Southeast, South Central, Diamond/Sylvan Lake) | \$34.64 per month |
| (2.) | Northwest | \$ 32.48 per month |
| (3.) | Northeast Central | \$ 35.12 per month |
| (4.) | Ravenna/Royal Melbourne | \$ 43.30 per month |

* Revised user fees, effective immediately

SECTION 2. The aforementioned water and sewer rates shall become effective at the end of the appropriate billing cycles, unless otherwise determined by the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 3. Per County Board Ordinance enacted on November 17, 2007, on December 1, 2009, and December 1, 2010, the water and sewer rates established in Section 1 shall be automatically increased by 3%. Following the December 1, 2010 increase the County shall perform a Rate Analysis Study to evaluate the then current rates.

SECTION 4. If payment of the entire amount of a bill for sewer and/or water service is not received by the County of Lake on or before the twentieth (20th) day after the billing date, then a late payment penalty of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid balance of the bill shall be added thereto and become due and payable. The owner of the premises, the occupant thereof, or the user of the service shall be jointly and severally liable to pay for such service to such premises, and such service is furnished to the premises by the County only upon the condition that the owner of the premises, occupant, or user of such service are jointly and severally liable therefore to the County of Lake.

In the event the sewer and/or water service charges including any penalty then due are not paid within sixty (60) days after the date of billing, such charges and penalty shall be deemed and are hereby declared to be delinquent, and thereafter, the County of Lake shall commence with proceedings to create a lien upon the real estate to which water or sewerage service is supplied through the delinquent account in accordance with the County's authority pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-15021. To create this lien, the County shall send to the delinquent owner or owners of record of the real estate, as referenced by the taxpayer's property identification number, (1) a copy of each delinquency notice sent to the person who is delinquent in paying the charges or other notice sufficient to inform the owner or owners of record; and (2) a notice that unpaid charges or rates may create a lien on the real estate pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-15021.

In addition, the County shall file a notice of such lien in the office of the Lake County Recorder of Deeds. This notice shall consist of a statement sworn to by an authorized officer or employee of Lake County setting out (1) a description of such real estate sufficient for the identification thereof, (2) the amount of money due for such water or sewerage service, and (3) the date when such amount became delinquent. The County shall also send a copy of the notice of lien to the owner or owners of record of the real estate, as referenced by the taxpayer's property identification number. If all of the above requirements are met, the County shall have the power to foreclose this lien in the same manner and with the same effect as in the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate.

In the event that a user is undercharged for service by reason of either an error involving billing procedures or metering equipment discrepancies, such undercharge shall be billed to the user and collected by the County, provided, however, that the period of undercharge accumulation shall not exceed 12 months.

SECTION 5. The basic rates for connection of residential users, per dwelling unit or equivalent thereto, to certain Waterworks and Sewerage Systems of the County of Lake shall be established as follows:

(a.)	Water system connection:		
(1.)	General Service Areas		\$1,500.00
(2.)	Countryside Lake		\$1,700.00
(3.)	Grandwood Park		\$5,850.00
(b.)	Sewer System connection:		
(1.)	General Service Areas (South Central)		\$4,560.00
(2.)	Third Lake		\$4,052.00
(3.)	Highland Lake		\$4,352.00
(4.)	Northwest		\$3,520.00
(5.)	Southeast Central (Central)		\$3,200.00
(6.)	Southeast (General)		\$3,600.00
(6A.)	Southeast (Ela Sector)		\$5,910.00
(6B.)	Southeast (Portwine Sector)		\$5,738.00
(7.)	Northeast Central		\$3,340.00
(8.)		Diamond/Sylvan Lake	\$7,220.00
(9.)		Northeast	\$5,900.00

Connection charges for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional users shall be based on the foregoing rates for each 250 gallons per day of usage as determined in accordance with U.S. Department of the Interior data or as approved by the Director of Public Works. Connection charges in the Northeast Sewer System shall be based on 350 gallons of daily usage. The foregoing connections fees shall also be applicable and charged on a pro-rata basis whenever an existing use is changed or modified to the extent that it results in significantly higher daily usage.

SECTION 6. The following rates and charges, for services, in addition to and supplementing those previously described by ordinance, be and are hereby established:

- (a.) General Inspection Fee: \$100.00 per connection
- (b.) Construction Water: \$50.00 per Dwelling Unit or Equivalent thereof
- (c.) Seasonal Removal & Replacement of Water Meter: \$100.00
- (d.) Force Account work, Contract
Operation and Maintenance: \$60.00 per man hour, regular - \$90.00 per man hour, overtime; plus support equipment
- (e.) Water Meter Charges:
 - (1.) 5/8" meter \$ 150.00
 - (2.) 1" meter \$ 200.00
 - (3.) 1 1/2" meter \$ 370.00
 - (4.) 2" disc \$ 400.00
 - (5.) 2" compound \$1,200.00
 - (6.) 3" compound \$1,400.00
 - (7.) 4" compound \$2,400.00
 - (8.) 6" compound \$3,500.00
- (f.) Automatic Sprinkler Systems \$0.35 per head per quarter
- (g.) Hydrant Meter Deposit: As determined by the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 7. All ordinance or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be published and take effect as provided by law.

CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST: (SEAL)

COUNTY CLERK