



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Ordinance amending a change to Chapter 51: Water and Sewer Rates and Charges of the Lake County Code of Ordinances to authorize the Director of Public Works to effectuate rate increases of third-party service providers as appropriate.

- Chapter 51 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances establishes all water and sewer user rates and connection fees for the County's water and sewer systems and is reviewed annually or as needed.
- Under the terms of Intergovernmental Agreements between the County and a few Villages (Fox Lake, Grayslake, and Libertyville), the Village can adjust its charges to the County when there is a rate adjustment for Village users. If the implementation of these third-party pass-through charges is delayed and not charged to the customers, Lake County Public Works must still remit the increased payment to the service provider. To avoid the cost of delaying any third-party rate changes, the Department is requesting that the Director of Public Works (*aka Superintendent*) be authorized to effectuate pass-through fees and apply increases as the Department is notified.
- Modifications to 51.15 will permit the Director of Public Works to effectuate pass-through fees and apply increases at the end of the next appropriated billing cycle to allow for the timely collection and remittance of fees. Affected customers will be notified of such changes.
- In accordance with County Board Rules, the State's Attorney has reviewed this ordinance prior to action by the County Board.

### ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the County Board incorporated Chapter 51: Water and Sewer Rates and Charges, into the Lake County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 51 establishes all water and sewer user rates, connection fees and additional charges for use of the County's water and sewer systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance is revised periodically to modify rates and fees, as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of Intergovernmental Agreements between the County and a few Villages, the Village can adjust its charges to the County when there is a rate adjustment for Village users. If the implementation of these third-party pass-through charges is delayed and not charged to the customers, LCPW must still remit the increased payment to the service provider; and

**WHEREAS**, to avoid the cost of delaying any third-party rate changes, the Department is requesting that the Director of Public Works (*aka Superintendent*) be authorized to effectuate

pass-through fees and apply increases as the Department is notified; and

**WHEREAS**, Modifications to 51.15 will permit the Director of Public Works to effectuate pass-through fees and apply increases at the end of the next appropriated billing cycle to allow for the timely collection and remittance of fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the modifications made to Chapter 51 be adopted.

**DATED** at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 8th day of June, A.D., 2021.