



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 19-1311      **Version:** 1      **Name:** Ordinance amending water and sewer related rates for certain Lake County systems.

**Type:** ordinance      **Status:** Passed

**File created:** 7/29/2019      **In control:** Public Works, Planning & Transportation Committee

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**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 19-1311 Rate Ordinance based on Rate Study - Final.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
8/13/2019	1	Lake County Board	adopted	Pass
8/8/2019	1	Financial & Administrative Committee	recommended for adoption to the regular agenda	Pass
8/7/2019	1	Public Works, Planning & Transportation Committee	approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee	Pass

### Ordinance amending water and sewer related rates for certain Lake County systems.

- Chapter 51 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances establishes all water and sewer user rates, connection fees and additional charges for use of the County’s water and sewer systems.
- The Ordinance is revised periodically to modify rates and fees, as necessary.
- Staff has worked with Burns and McDonnell, Inc. to complete a water and sewer rate and connection fee study to ensure that the County is maintaining and generating sufficient funds for operations, maintenance, depreciation, debt service and re-capitalization of assets.
- The amended Ordinance modifies several water and sewer rates and connection fees. Specific rates and fees are established for Fiscal Year 2020. Percentage increases are also identified for future fiscal years, but the county Board can modify the rates during the annual updates to the ordinance.
- The minimum retail water bill is replaced with a domestic meter service charge that increases by meter size.
- The water rate differential between the low use and highest use block rate was increased to 10 percent to support conservation.
- Notice will be provided to the County’s municipal partners impacted by the changes to Chapter 51 of the Lake County Code of Ordinances that will become effective December 1, 2019.

## 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**, the County engaged Burns and McDonnell, Inc. to complete a water and sewer rate and connection fee study to establish modified rates and fees for 2019 through 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, the modified rates and fees established in Sections 51.15 through 51.28 are attached as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the water and sewer rates, connection fees and additional charges, attached as Exhibit A hereto, be adopted and be made effective on dates as identified in various sections of Chapter 51.

**DATED** at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 13th day of August, A.D., 2019.