

ORDINANCE NO. 09 - 16

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SURCHARGE ON WATER AND SEWER
ACCOUNTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO**

WHEREAS; the Village of Bluffton has examined and reviewed the costs of operation and distribution of water services and sanitary sewer collection and treatment services and finds that those costs have increased substantially and that the relevant funds require substantial support from General Fund Revenue, thereby reducing funding available for other essential governmental functions, and,

WHEREAS; the Village of Bluffton finds it necessary and proper that the water and sewer funds become self supporting;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
BLUFFTON, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. That there shall be a surcharge on each and every water and/or sanitary sewer connection for which the Village of Bluffton, Ohio provides water and/or sanitary sewer services each billing cycle, commencing July of 2016 and each and every month thereafter.

SECTION 2. That the surcharge will be reflected on each account's monthly billing statement and shall be due and payable on the same date with other Village Utility bills for water, sanitary sewer and refuse services.

SECTION 3. That any and all surcharge funds collected by the Village of Bluffton, Ohio shall be designated for water and sewer operations or water and sewer capital.

SECTION 4. That the surcharge will be based upon the size of Water Meter that records water usage for each connection at the following monthly rates per meter and the allocation of the surcharge between the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund: Connections for sanitary sewer service only will be billed the sewer surcharge for the 5/8" meter. Connections outside of the Village of Bluffton will be billed doubled the inside rate.

	Meter Size						
	5/8" / ¾"	1"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"
Monthly Surcharge							
Water Fund	\$16.50	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
Sewer Fund	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
Total Surcharge	\$19.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$120.00

SECTION 5. Existing Water Meters shall remain in place. In order to change the size of any Water Meter that is in place as of the date that this Ordinance becomes effective, the person requesting the change must make application, in writing, to the Village Administrator. That application must contain the property location, account number, name and contact information for the applicant and such other information as required by the Village Administrator. The Village Administrator will review the application and will grant the same only under the following conditions:

- a. That the application contains good cause for the change in Water Meter size.
- b. That the mere desire to lessen the surcharge enacted herein will not be deemed good cause.
- c. That, if granted, the applicant shall be solely responsible for cost of the new meter and the labor for installation of the same by the Village. The Village shall retain ownership of the Water Meter.

SECTION 6: it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of June, 2016 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Attest:

Nancy L. Kindle
Fiscal Officer

Shirley A. Dwyer
Mayor

Approved as to form:

F. Stephen Chamberlain
Village Solicitor

CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Kindle, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bluffton do hereby certify that the attached copy of Ordinance No. 09-16 is a true and accurate copy of that Ordinance as passed by the Council of the Village of Bluffton on the 20th day of June, 2016.

Nancy L. Kindle
Nancy L. Kindle, Fiscal Officer