

STATE OF MICHIGAN

VILLAGE OF SARANAC

WATER AND SEWER RATE RESOLUTION

Effective January 1, 2024, the Village of Saranac makes the following findings and resolutions regarding the establishment of water and sewer rates for the Village of Saranac water and sewer system.

Findings

The Village of Saranac owns and operates a water and sewer system and, by ordinance, has been authorized to establish the rates, fees and charges relating to said water and sewer system. The water system and sewer system are sometimes collectively referred to as the "system". The system requires ongoing upkeep, maintenance, and replacement. It is necessary to impose sufficient rates, fees, and charges to properly maintain, repair and operate the water and sewer system and to replace certain components of the water and sewer system.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, a motion having been made by Mulnix, supported by Day, and based upon the above findings, the Village of Saranac makes the following resolutions with respect to the rates, fees and charges related to the water and sewer system.

1. Readiness, Availability and Consumption Charges. Charges are imposed relating to being connected to the system, the ability of the system to provide service on demand and use of the system. These rates and charges are as follows:

(a) Water

(i) Effective January 1, 2024, the following water rates shall be charged based upon the size of meters (fixed rate) and water usage (variable rate). These rates reflect a 5% increase in current rates which were last increased January 1, 2023 by 3%.

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>FIXED RATE PER METER, PER QTR</u>
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 53.18
1	\$ 66.48
1.5	\$ 98.40
2	\$ 156.90
3	\$ 287.20
Variable Rate per 1,000 gal of water used:	
First 150,000 gal per qtr	\$ 2.79/1,000 gal
Over 150,000 gal per qtr	\$ 2.44/1,000 gal

(ii) Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of each subsequent year, water rates shall be increased by 5%.

(iii) Where more than one unit is served by a single water meter, the charge for water service shall be the proper variable rate plus a fixed rate based upon the meter size determined as follows: the fixed rate shall be based upon the size of the meter which would properly be used by each unit as determined by the Village. The respective meter rate for each of the units shall then be added together and seventy-five percent (75%) of this sum will constitute the proper meter charge.

(b) Sewer.

(i) Effective January 1, 2024, the following sewer rates shall be charged based upon the size of meters (fixed rate) and water usage (variable rate). These rates reflect a 5% increase in current rates which were last increased January 1, 2023 by 3%.

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>FIXED RATE PER METER, PER QTR</u>
5/8" and 3/4"	\$ 69.29
1"	\$ 86.59
1.5"	\$ 148.97
2"	\$ 266.77
3"	\$ 526.61
Variable Rate per 1,000 gal of water used:	
First 150,000 gal per qtr	\$ 3.94/1,000 gal
Over 150,000 gal per qtr	\$ 3.47/1,000 gal

(ii) Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of each subsequent year, sewer rates shall be increased by 5%.

(iii) Where more than one unit is served by a single water meter, the charge for sewer service shall be the proper variable rate plus a fixed rate based upon the meter size determined as follows: the fixed rate shall be based upon the size of the meter which would properly be used by each unit as determined by the Village. The respective meter rate for each of the units shall then be added together and seventy-five percent (75%) of this sum will constitute the proper meter charge.

(c) Changes. The foregoing rates are subject to change if insufficient funds are collected to properly operate the system.

(d) Non-residents. For users of the system located outside the Village, such users shall be billed at one and one-half times the foregoing rates and charges.

2. Connection Fees. Until further resolution, connection type fees shall be charged as follows.

- (a) Water (no change from resolution adopted 3/14/16).
- (i) Connection Fee. In order to defray the cost of constructing water mains which benefit individual property owners, there shall be a connection fee of \$37.50 (thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents) per foot, based on front footage of the property with a minimum of 50 front feet charge; provided, however, no connection shall be charged to properties which were specially assessed for construction of the water line. In addition, a maximum of 250 front feet will be charged for single family homes. Corner lots will be charged for the least dimension fronting the street or the average of adjacent lots, whichever is greater. Irregular lots will be charged a connection fee based on the average frontage of the adjacent lots.
  - (ii) Property Lateral Water Service Charge. Property lateral water services or requested replacements shall be billed to the property owner at the actual cost incurred by the Village plus an administrative fee equal to 12% of the actual costs; including, but not limited to, all labor and materials, costs of the meters, and repairs of Village streets or property made necessary by the service extension.
  - (iii) Water Main Extension to Accommodate Service Requested. Extensions to the existing water system shall be billed to the property owner at the actual cost incurred by the Village plus an administrative fee equal to 12% of the actual costs; including, but not limited to all labor and materials, additional fire hydrants, system loops, as recommended by the Village engineers, and repairs of Village streets or property made necessary by the main water line extension, plus any service lateral extension at the rates described above.
- (b) Sewer (no change from resolution adopted 3/14/16).
- (i) Connection Fee. In order to defray the cost of constructing the sewer lines which benefit individual property owners, there shall be a connection fee of \$10 (ten dollars) per foot, based on front footage of the property with a minimum of 50 front feet charge; provided, however, that no connection fee shall be charged to properties which were specially assessed for construction of the sewer line. In addition, a maximum of 250 front feet will be charged for single family homes. Corner lots will be charged for the least dimension fronting the street or the average of adjacent lots, whichever is greater. Irregular lots will be charged a connection fee based on the average frontage of the adjacent lots.

- (ii) Property Lateral Sewer Services Charges. Property lateral sewer services or requested replacements shall be billed to the property owner at the actual cost incurred by the Village plus an administrative fee equal to 12% of the actual costs; including, but not limited to all labor and materials, costs of the meters, and repairs of Village streets or property made necessary by the service extension.
  - (iii) Existing Septic System. When a property owner has an existing septic system and the village constructs a sewer line by the premises, notice will be given to the property owner to connect to the system within ninety (90) days. The connection fees will be as stated above unless the project is constructed by a special assessment district. The property owner shall have one (1) year to pay the connection fee without interest. If not paid within one (1) year from time of notice of connection, an 8% interest rate will be assessed on the unpaid balance and added to the charges and the total charges will be recognized as a lien and will be entered on the next tax roll.
  - (iv) Sewer Main Extension to Accommodate Service Requested. Extensions to the existing sewer system shall be billed to the property owner at the actual cost incurred by the Village plus an administrative fee equal to 12% of the actual costs; including, but not limited to all labor and materials, system loops, as recommended by the Village engineers, and repairs of Village streets or property made necessary by the main sewer line extension, plus any service lateral extension at the rates described above.
- (c) Non-Residents. For users of the system located outside the Village, such users shall be billed at one and one-half times the foregoing rates and charges.

3. Miscellaneous Costs and Charges. The following miscellaneous costs and expenses shall be charged with respect to the system.

- (a) Turn-on/Turn-off Fee. The Village must charge the customer, and the customer must pay, a Turn-on/Turn-off Fee, to cover the cost to turn water service on or off, upon the customer's request to do so, or by actions taken by the Village, at the rate of \$25.00, per turn off or turn on.
- (b) Inspection Fee. For any inspection performed by the Village, the property owner shall be charged an inspection fee equal to the actual costs of the labor and materials needed to perform the requested inspection.
- (c) Special Service Fee. Items that may arise but which are not specifically

covered in this Rate and Fee Schedule shall be brought to the Village Council's attention. Generally, unless otherwise indicated in an ordinance or resolution, special services will be charged at cost.

- (d) Lawn Sprinkling Credit. No credit will be given for lawn sprinkling unless the property owner has a separate water meter installed for such purpose. The installation and location of the meter must be approved by the Village and the water meter and related parts must be purchased from the Village.
- (e) Swimming Pool Credit. Upon a customer's request, a sewer credit will be given for the number of gallons of water used to fill their pool. An administrative fee of \$5 (five dollars) will be charged to the customer, for this service.
- (f) Non-Domestic Customer Monitoring Fee. The Village of Saranac may monitor the discharge of any non-domestic user to the sewer system based upon the nature and operation of the business, quantity or quality of flow, chemical usage, and potential for harm to the public health or the property operation of the wastewater system. All samples shall be monitored as determined by the Village for those priority pollutants or critical materials used. The analytical and sample fees to be charged for monitoring shall be based upon lab costs incurred by the Village plus a 12% administration fee.

4. Billings and Bad Checks. The Village may bill monthly or quarterly as determined by the Village and all bills shall be due and payable thirty (30) days after the date of such bill and, if not paid within such time, then the bill amount shall increase by ten (10) percent of such bill. If a customer provides a check upon an account with insufficient funds, then an additional charge of \$25.00 shall be imposed for each such check.

5. Lien. All fees and costs shall be paid within the time set forth on the Village billings and shall constitute a lien against the property served and shall be placed on the tax rolls and collected against the property as provided by law.

6. Fire Hydrants. Any private fire hydrants allowed on the Village water system must be installed according to Village standard and under the Village's inspection. The owner shall pay for the installation and the Village shall inspect the hydrant on a regular basis. The owner will reimburse the Village for periodic maintenance costs.

7. Termination. If any customer fails to pay any outstanding balance within ten (10) days following written notice from the Village, the Village may cease providing water and/or sewer service to the property being served.

8. No Free Service. No free service shall be furnished by the system to any person, firm, entity, governmental agency or quasi-governmental entity.

9. Fiscal Year. The system shall be operated on the basis of an operating year

commencing on March 1 and ending on February 28.

10. Additional Property. Effective January 1, 2006, no property outside the Village shall be connected to the system unless annexed to the Village or with the written agreement of the Village.

11. Superseding Resolution. This resolution supersedes the Sewer and Water Rate Resolution adopted November 14, 2022.

Yeas Day, Mulnix, Talcott, Whorley, Darby  
Nays Klutman  
Absent Doll

Becky Straubel  
Becky Straubel, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk