

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 118

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.05(d) OF THE KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCREASING THE WATER RATES OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO BY THREE PERCENT (3%) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE IN JANUARY, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the cost of treating potable water at the City of Kent water treatment plant has increased; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent needs to increase its charges to the utility customers that generate the water by three percent (3%) beginning in January, 2026 to cover said cost increases;

WHEREAS, the current rates do not generate sufficient funds to upgrade and maintain the infrastructure as needed or to cover the increased costs of the chemicals needed to process the water; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence, to allow the rate increase to take effect with the first billing cycle in January, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 913.05(d) of the Kent Codified Ordinances be amended to reflect a three percent (3%) increase in water treatment rates as shown in the attached draft, marked Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, effective for the first billing cycle in January 2026.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: 12/17/25
Date


Jack Armhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: 12/17/25
Date

ATTEST: Kathleen Coleman
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2025-118, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON December 17, 2025.

(SEAL)


KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

EXHIBIT "A"

913.05 RATES AND CHARGES: WATER REVENUE FUND.

(c) For the purposes provided in subsection (b) hereof, the following rates for the product and services of the system are hereby established:

Subject to the minimum charges described below:

Effective for the first billing cycle in January 2025 2026.

\$49.689 \$51.180 For each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed up to and including 100,000 cubic feet per month;

\$47.366-\$48.787 For each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 100,000 cubic feet per month up to and including 300,000 cubic feet per month; and

\$44.729-\$46.070 For each 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed in excess of 300,000 cubic feet per month.

MINIMUM CHARGE PER MONTH

Water Meter Line	Size Charge (inches)	Quantity (cu. Ft.)	Monthly Minimum Charges	
3/4 and 5/8		300	14.907	15.354
1		900	44.720	46.062
1.5		1800	89.441	92.125
2		2400	119.256	122.833
3		3400	168.945	174.013
4		4500	223.604	230.312
6		9000	447.208	460.624
8		15000	745.345	767.705
10		22500	1118.024	1151.565
12		36000	1788.829	1842.494

(d) In future years, rates for conducting and managing the water production system to supply potable water will increase as follows:

- (1) The water rate billing for 2025-2026 will increase by three percent (3%);
- (2) The water rate billing 2025-2026 and every year thereafter, will increase by three percent (3%);
- (3) City Council reserves the right to review these increases annually during the capital budget review.