

Due to the increased costs of servicing outside users, water customers outside the corporation limit of the village shall have a twenty percent (20%) surcharge added to the above rate and shall pay as follows:

Effective 3-10-2020	First 1,000 gallons	\$19.27 minimum
	All over 1,000 gallons	\$6.84 per 1,000 gallons

Said water charges shall be payable at the office of the Ripley Utilities and shall be billed on the same statement and collected in the aggregate with the charge for other utility service provided by the Village of Ripley.

In case of failure to pay any bill for water charges when due, a penalty of 10% of such charge shall be added to such bill. The foregoing charges are minimum charges, and not maximum charges, and the Village reserves the right and is obligated to increase the same at any time should the revenues of the water system prove insufficient to pay the operating and maintenance expenses thereof

SECTION 2: Should the bill rendered to any property or user served by the water treatment and distribution system remain unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days, water and sewer service to such property or user shall thereupon be suspended and shall only be resumed upon payment of all charges and an additional reconnect fee of \$50.00. Any water bill which has been unpaid for more than ninety (90) days shall become delinquent and shall be certified to the County Auditor of Brown County and shall become a lien against the property served and shall be collected as other taxes are collected.

SECTION 3: The owner of private property which is served by the water system, as well as the lessee or tenant of the premises, shall be liable to the Village for all charges herein levied. No free service shall be provided for any user.

SECTION 4: The Village Council shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the enforcement of the provisions hereof; for the proper determination and collection of the rates and charges herein provided, and for the safe, efficient and economical management of the water system; and such rules and regulations when not repugnant to the existing ordinances of the Village of Ripley of the laws of the State of Ohio shall have the same force and effect as an ordinance of council.

SECTION 5: In the event any part of the ordinance is hereafter found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in force, it being the intention herein that such remaining provisions would have been passed notwithstanding the invalid part or parts.

Section 6: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Ripley, Ohio and more particularly for the reason that is necessary that the charges to water customers of the