



VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR

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2023 Village of Winthrop Harbor Water & Sewer Rates

BACKGROUND

The Village of Winthrop Harbor purchases water from the Lake County Public Water District (LCPWD) as outlined by a contract dating back many years. The LCPWD has two (2) other customers purchasing water which are the City of Zion and the State of Illinois (North Point Marina). Each customer pays for their water as metered through master water meters as it leaves the water plant. The LCPWD receives its water from a large intake pipe from Lake Michigan.

Section 50.027, Water Service Rates, is the section of the village ordinance that outlines the authorization to charge for water and sewer rates. This is reviewed annually by the Village Board. This is also the section that describes the need for adjustments due to the water rate increases or decreases from the LCPWD.

The village currently has over 36 miles of water mains of various materials, plus over 100 different valves. Some of this water mains date back to the 1950's.

2023 INCREASED ADJUSTMENTS

Effective January 1, 2023 the Village of Winthrop Harbor will increase the water rates from \$6.00 per thousand gallons (tgal) to \$6.33 per thousand gallons of water and a 5.5% on the sewer bill.

Current Water Rate	Increased Water Rate (Beginning January 1, 2023)	Current Sewer Rate
\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.33 per 1,000 gallons	\$20.00
	\$27 Debt Service Fee	

SAMPLE WATER BILLS				
Item	Current Rates \$6 per tgal	New Rates \$6.33 per tgal water & 5.5% on sewer (Effective 1/1/23)	Current Rates \$6 per tgal	New Rates \$6.33 per tgal Water & 5.5% on sewer (Effective 1/1/23)
Water Usage	4,000 gallons		8,000 gallons	
Water Charge	\$24.00	\$25.32	\$48.00	\$50.64
Infrastructure Maintenance Fee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sewer Fee (Min. bill is first 5000 tgal)	\$20.00	\$21.10	\$22.40	\$23.50
LCPWD Debt Service Fee (Effective 8/1/17)	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$27.00
Total Quarterly Bill	\$71.00	\$73.42	\$97.40	\$101.14

The rate increase is necessary because, under presently authorized rates, operating revenues will fall far short of what is needed to keep up with current and expected future expenses. Adding to that, the Village's current infrastructure is aging rapidly, and additional funding is necessary to replace and repair that aging infrastructure, as well as increased costs of the operations of the water system.

ALL WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS AND SYSTEM MAINTENANCE ARE FUNDED SOLELY BY THE REVENUES COLLECTED BY WATER AND SEWER FEES, NOT PROPERTY TAXES