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to Finance 11/19/18; 2nd reading  
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ORDINANCE NO. 54-18

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AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law, to amend section 915.01, Establishment of Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood for the purpose of adjusting water rates charged against each lot, parcel of land or premises which may have an active water connection with the Municipal water system.

WHEREAS, sufficient revenues are required to recover costs budgeted for the operations of the Water Distribution System; and

WHEREAS, continued decreases in consumption of water has a negative impact on revenues received over time; and

WHEREAS, sufficient dollars are required to meet scheduled debt service payments; and

WHEREAS, in order to offset the increases in the purchased water from the City of Cleveland to the City as well as the continuing increases in the costs of operations, it is necessary for the City to increase the rates charged; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments, and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in that in that these rates and charges must be in place for the 2019-2023 fiscal years. Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Section 1. That subsection 915.01(a), Establishment of Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood currently reads as follows:

**915.01 ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES**

The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to establish water rates charged monthly by the Division of Utility Billing as follows:

- (a) The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to establish water rates charged monthly by the City as follows:

Effective January 1, 2018, all water used during each one month billing period shall cost not more than \$6.76 per one hundred cubic feet of water.

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is hereby amended repealed.

Section 2. That new subsection 915.01(a), Establishment of Rates, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lakewood is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**915.01 ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES**

The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to establish water rates charged monthly by the Division of Utility Billing as follows:

- (a) The Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to establish water rates charged monthly by the City as follows:

Effective January 1, ~~2018~~ 2019, all water used during each one month billing period shall cost not more than ~~\$6.76~~ \$7.13 per one hundred cubic feet of water.

Effective January 1, ~~2019~~ 2020, all water used during each one month billing period shall cost not more than ~~\$7.13~~ \$7.53 per one hundred cubic feet of water.

Effective January 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, all water used during each one month billing period shall cost not more than ~~\$7.53~~ \$7.94 per one hundred cubic feet of water.

Effective January 1, ~~2021~~ 2022, all water used during each one month billing period shall cost not more than ~~\$7.94~~ \$8.38 per one hundred cubic feet of water.

Effective January 1, ~~2022~~ 2023, all water used during each one month billing period shall cost not more than ~~\$6.76~~ \$8.84 per one hundred cubic feet of water.

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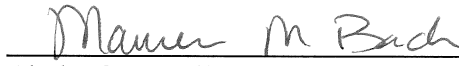
Section 3. The Third Amended Charter published in the Codified Ordinances is the official charter of the City of Lakewood.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such 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.


Section 5. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: 12/17/18

  
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President of Council

  
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Clerk of Council

Approved: December 19, 2018

  
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Mayor