

COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

Water and Sewer Rates and Charges in the Town of Ridgely



A Resolution of the Commissioners of Ridgely amending certain charges for users of the Town of Ridgely's water and wastewater systems.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 9-723, subject to the provisions of the Charter of the Town of Ridgely (the "Charter"), the Commissioners of Ridgely (the "Commissioners") are authorized and empowered to establish reasonable rates and charges for water service and sewer service to provide funds for maintenance, repair, and operation of the Town of Ridgely's (the "Town") municipal water and sewerage systems and payment of all or part of the principal and interest on any indebtedness that is incurred to finance such systems, which rates and charges are chargeable against all property that is connected to any water or sewer pipe that the Town owns or supervises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 33 of the Charter, the Commissioners are authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations, and to pass all ordinances and make by-laws providing for the fees or rates, rents, and charges for the use and service of sewerage, drainage, and water supply systems, which rates, rents, and charges are hereby declared to be and made liens upon the property used or served by such coverage, drainage, and water supply systems until paid, and that the same shall be collectible as other municipal or Town taxes are now collectible in the Town as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing authority, §§ 185-15(c) and 185-16(c) of the Code of the Town of Ridgely (the "Town Code") provide that the Commissioners may establish, by resolution, charges to users of the Town water and wastewater systems, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2011-04, adopted October 10, 2011, has governed water and wastewater charges since its effective date of July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the rate structure established by Resolution No. 2011-04 no longer reflects the actual cost of delivering water and wastewater service, and a comprehensive restructuring of the rate tiers, billing categories, and usage thresholds is necessary to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Town's water and wastewater utility systems; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have reviewed the proposed rate schedule set forth herein and determined that adoption of the revised rates is in the best interest of the Town and its ratepayers;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners introduced this Resolution during a public meeting held on 6/1/26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners held a public hearing on 7/6/26, 2026, concerning this Resolution and the necessity and advisability of the rates and charges set forth herein, as required by Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 9-727, notice of which was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town at least once prior thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY:

SECTION 1. SUPERSESSION.

Resolution No. 2011-04, adopted October 10, 2011, and effective July 1, 2011, is hereby superseded in its entirety. The rate schedule set forth in this Resolution shall govern all charges for use of the Town water and wastewater systems from and after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 2. WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM CHARGES INSIDE TOWN LIMITS.

The following quarterly charges are established for water and wastewater service to customers whose service connection is located within the corporate limits of the Town of Ridgely. All usage rates within each tier are stated per 1,000 gallons consumed.

| Rate Category | Water Rate | Sewer Rate |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Vacant Accounts — Quarterly Base Charge | | |
| Vacant Residential (per account) | \$75.00 | \$0.00 |
| Vacant Commercial (per account) | \$112.50 | \$0.00 |
| Residential & Apartments (per unit) | | |
| 0 – 3,000 gal minimum (\$/qtr) | \$58.68 | \$94.45 |
| 3,001 – 4,999 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$4.55 | \$4.55 |
| 5,000 – 10,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$8.20 | \$7.43 |
| 10,001 – 20,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$11.85 | \$10.31 |
| 20,001 – 30,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$15.50 | \$13.19 |
| 30,001+ gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$19.16 | \$16.06 |
| Commercial | | |
| 0 – 10,000 gal minimum (\$/qtr) | \$185.78 | \$229.30 |
| 10,001 – 100,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$16.63 | \$19.66 |
| 100,001 – 200,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$24.11 | \$28.51 |
| 200,001+ gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$33.26 | \$39.32 |
| Industrial | | |
| 0 – 10,000 gal minimum (\$/qtr) | \$185.78 | \$304.22 |
| 10,001 – 100,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$16.63 | \$19.66 |
| 100,001 – 200,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$24.11 | \$28.51 |
| 200,001+ gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$33.26 | \$39.32 |

SECTION 3. CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS.

Users of Town water and/or wastewater systems whose service connection is located outside the corporate limits of the Town shall pay rates equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the applicable in-town rate for their customer class. The table below sets forth the computed outside-Town rates. In the event of any conflict between the table values set forth below and the foregoing formula, the latter shall control.

| Rate Category | Water Rate | Sewer Rate |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Vacant Accounts — Quarterly Base Charge | | |
| Vacant Residential (per account) | \$112.50 | \$0.00 |
| Vacant Commercial (per account) | \$168.75 | \$0.00 |
| Residential & Apartments (per unit) | | |
| 0 – 3,000 gal minimum (\$/qtr) | \$88.02 | \$141.68 |
| 3,001 – 4,999 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$6.83 | \$6.83 |
| 5,000 – 10,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$12.30 | \$11.15 |
| 10,001 – 20,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$17.78 | \$15.47 |
| 20,001 – 30,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$23.25 | \$19.79 |
| 30,001+ gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$28.74 | \$24.09 |
| Commercial | | |
| 0 – 10,000 gal minimum (\$/qtr) | \$278.67 | \$343.95 |
| 10,001 – 100,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$24.95 | \$29.49 |
| 100,001 – 200,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$36.17 | \$42.77 |
| 200,001+ gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$49.89 | \$58.98 |
| Industrial | | |
| 0 – 10,000 gal minimum (\$/qtr) | \$278.67 | \$456.33 |
| 10,001 – 100,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$24.95 | \$29.49 |
| 100,001 – 200,000 gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$36.17 | \$42.77 |
| 200,001+ gal (\$/1,000 gal) | \$49.89 | \$58.98 |

SECTION 4. BILLING PRACTICES.

- a) All rates are stated on a quarterly billing basis.
- b) Usage rates are stated per 1,000 gallons consumed during the billing period.
- c) The “Zero Use” quarterly charge applies to any metered account recording zero consumption during a billing period.
- d) The minimum quarterly charge for each customer class applies to all consumption within the first usage tier, regardless of actual consumption within that tier.
- e) Vacant accounts shall be assessed the applicable quarterly water base charge for their class. No sewer charge shall apply to vacant accounts.
- f) Tiered Usage Calculation. For accounts with quarterly consumption exceeding the minimum tier threshold, the total quarterly charge shall equal:
 - (i) the applicable minimum quarterly charge for the first usage tier;

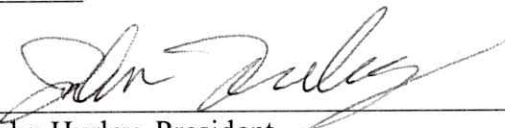
(ii) the applicable per-1,000-gallon rate for each successive tier, multiplied by the number of 1,000-gallon increments (or portion thereof) consumed within that tier, applied cumulatively; and

(iii) Any partial 1,000-gallon increment shall be billed as a full 1,000 gallons.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption; provided, however, that the rates, fees, and charges set forth herein shall take effect on July 1, 2026, and shall apply to all billing periods commencing on or after such date.

ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2026.



John Hurley, President


not present

Chad Leister, Commissioner



Clarence B. Sears, Commissioner

Attest:



Stephanie L. Berkey, CMC, Town Clerk-Treasurer