VILLAGE COUNCIL VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE DIVISION OF WATER, VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, TO VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP WATER CUSTOMERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS.

The Division of Water, Village of Alexandria, Licking County, Ohio, obtains its public potable water supply from the Village of Granville, Ohio, pursuant to a certain contractual agreement which provides for increases of rates to be charged by the Division of Water, Village of Alexandria, Ohio, to its municipal water customers upon corresponding increases in rates by the Village of Granville to the Division of Water, Village of Alexandria, Ohio, based upon cost of production of said potable water during a twelve calendar month period ending on December 31st, of each year; and

WHEREAS,

Sections 735.273 and 743.26 of the Ohio Revised Code provide that the legislative authority of a village shall determine the rates to be charged for a public owned utility such as water; and

WHEREAS,

The Village of Alexandria has not increased its water rates since 2012, when it enacted Ordinance 2012-02 to amend Ordinance 2011-03; and

WHEREAS,

The Village of Granville has increased the rates that it is charging the Village of Alexandria for 2025, with additional step increases to take effect in 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029; and

WHEREAS,

After much thought and careful consideration, Council for the Village of Alexandria believes it is necessary to increase its water rates as a direct result of Granville's new water rates;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION ONE: New Rates.

That the rate charged by the Division of Water, Village of Alexandria, Licking County, Ohio, to consumers for the use of potable water be increased as follows (all rates per 1k gallons):

RESIDENCY OF CUSTOMER:	CURRENT:	NEW:	2026:	2027:	2028:	2029:
(A) Village of Alexandria, Licking County, Ohio	\$10.12	\$12.21	\$13.44	\$13.85	\$14.25	\$14.68
(B) St. Alban's Township, Licking County, Ohio	\$16.19	\$19.44	\$21.39	\$22.05	\$22.67	\$23.40
(C) Bulk water consumer, Alexandria Village, <u>Only</u> , Licking County, Ohio	\$21.65	\$25.99	\$28.59	\$29.47	\$30.32	\$31.23

SECTION TWO:

All other sections of Ordinance 2011-03 shall remain unchanged, in effect, and enforceable.

SECTION THREE: Compliance.

It is hereby 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 any and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION FOUR: Effective Date of Rate Increases.

This change in the rates charged to Village of Alexandria potable water consumers set forth in the Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION FIVE: Repeal of Conflicting or Inconsistent Measures.

All Ordinances and/or Resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any Portion of this measure are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this measure.

SECTION SIX: Emergency Declaration.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the people of the Village of Alexandria and for further reason that these new rates must take effective immediately to match the rate increase imposed by the Village of Granville, Ohio. Therefore this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect at the earliest date provided by law.

Passed this eighteenth (4th) day of March 2025.

Mayor Sean Barnes,

Village of Alexandria, Ohio

ATTESTED TO:

Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger, Village of Alexandria, Ohio Approved as to form this 4^{th} day of March 2025.

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