

ORDINANCE 812

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY CHANGING SANITARY SEWER RATES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch had heretofore deemed it necessary to raise sewer rates to keep up with inflation to ensure that the sewer system can be maintained in a good and working order.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, CEDAR COUNTY, IOWA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 99.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Branch, Iowa is hereby amended by deleting “Effective the first day of **January** each year, beginning in 2024, the customer monthly rates as set forth in Sections **99.01**, **99.03**, and **99.04** of this chapter, shall increase by 2% from the prior year. The City shall review the rates every two years to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues to pay the costs of operation and maintenance, including replacement, and that the system continues to provide for proportional distribution of operation and maintenance, including replacement costs, among users and user classes.”

And replacing with:

99.02 Annual Adjustment of Sewer Rates. Effective the first day of **July** each year, beginning in 2024, the customer monthly rates as set forth in Sections **99.01**, **99.03**, and **99.04** of this chapter, shall increase by 2% from the prior year. The City shall review the rates every two years to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues to pay the costs of operation and maintenance, including replacement, and that the system continues to provide for proportional distribution of operation and maintenance, including replacement costs, among users and user classes.

Section 2. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Adjudication. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 16th day of January, 2024.

First Reading: January 2, 2024
Second Reading: January 16, 2024
Third Reading: January 16, 2024

ATTEST:


Leslie Brick, City Clerk


Roger Laughlin, Mayor

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 812 on the 25th day of January, 2024.


City Clerk