RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 4053 Passed August 24, 2026

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4053

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING AND REPLACING SECTION 925.03 WATER RATES OF THE BARNESVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Village Council desires to establish new water rates for the Village of Barnesville; and

WHEREAS, Village Council finds it necessary to abolish and replace Section 925.03 pertaining to water rates of the Village of Barnesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio:

Section 1: That the current Section 925.03 Water Rates shall be abolished and replaced as follows:

(a) Premises inside the municipal limits. Users of the Village water system for premises situated inside the municipal limits shall be charged, per one thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water used per month, according to the following schedule:

Rate per 1,000 gallons	Current	2026	2027	2028
First 2,000 gallons	$9.00	$10.35	$11.90	$13.09
Over 2,000 up to 40,000	$6.65	$7.65	$8.80	$9.68
Over 40,000 gallons	$6.25	$7.19	$8.27	$9.10

(b) Premises outside the municipal limits. Users of the Village water system for premises situated outside the municipal limits shall be charged, per one thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water used per month, according to the following schedule:

Rate per 1,000 gallons	Current	2026	2027	2028
First 2,000 gallons	$11.75	$13.51	$15.54	$17.09
Over 2,000 up to 40,000	$9.50	$10.93	$12.57	$13.83
Over 40,000 gallons	$8.00	$9.20	$10.58	$11.64

(c) Effective dates. The "2026" rates apply to billings on or after July 1, 2026; the "2027" rates to billings on or after July 1, 2027; and the "2028" rates to billings on or after July 1, 2028.

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(d) **Annual adjustment after 2028.** Beginning with July 2029 billings, the water rates in this section shall be adjusted each year as follows:

(1) **Index.** "CPI-U" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) **Adjustment.** Beginning with July 2029 billings and each July 1 thereafter, each water rate shall be multiplied by a factor equal to one (1) plus the annual percentage change in the CPI-U. The annual percentage change is the CPI-U published for April of the current year divided by the CPI-U published for April of the prior year, minus one.

(3) **Floor and cap.** If the annual percentage change is negative, no adjustment shall be made and rates shall remain unchanged for that year (the adjustment shall never be less than zero).

(4) **Rounding.** Each adjusted rate shall be rounded to the nearest one cent ($0.01).

(5) **Administration.** The Fiscal Officer shall calculate the adjusted schedule each year and provide it to the Water Department and to Council, and the Village shall publish the adjusted schedule. The adjustment is self-executing under this ordinance.

(6) **Successor index.** If the CPI-U is discontinued or its basis is materially changed, the Village shall use the successor index designated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or, if none, a comparable index of consumer prices selected by Council.

(e) **Bulk and contract rates.** Existing bulk and wholesale rates are governed by contract or separate ordinance and are not changed by this section unless Council directs otherwise.

Section 2: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety in order to immediately establish new water rates and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED at a regular meeting of Council of the Village of Barnesville, held this 24 day of August, 2026, by a vote of a majority of the members of Council.

July 27, 2026 - 1st Reading
Aug. 10, 2026 - 2nd Reading

Jake Hershberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer