

ORDINANCE # O-37-2017

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE FLAT WATER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR AND SETTING POLICIES REGARDING PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the current flatwater rates for the Village of Bolivar is set at a flat rate of \$25.50 per month, billed quarterly along with refuse charges;

WHEREAS, the Village of Bolivar has not raised water rates for the Village of Bolivar since 2011;

WHEREAS, The Village's water system is deteriorating and in need of repair, and in order to be eligible for grants to replace the pipes, the Village needs to raise its rates to certain minimum levels;

WHEREAS, in addition, the Village has a need to move to a metered system in order to make sure that the charges to each resident are fair and based upon that resident's usage, and this is also a necessity for receiving grants;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Village's water rate study from the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program, they have recommended that at this time the water rate should be increased to a flat rate of \$32.00 per month while the Village explores purchasing a metered system;

WHEREAS, the Village believes that this rate increase is in the best interests of the Village in order to both keep pace with inflation costs to operate the current system and to fund water improvements which will continue to make our drinking water safe;

WHEREAS, the flat water rate for the Village will be increased to \$32.00 per month effective January 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to raise the late fee for water bills to \$15.00 per late bill and the late fee for refuse bills to \$10 per late bill;

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to raise the reconnection fee and disconnection fee to \$25.00;

Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Bolivar as follows:

SECTION 1. The water rates shall increase to \$32.00 per building beginning January 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. The late fee for water bills shall be \$15.00 per late bill and the late fee for refuse bills shall be \$10 per late bill.

SECTION 3. The reconnection fee and disconnection fee shall be \$25.00.

READ: August 1, 2017, August 28, 2017, and October 2, 2017

PASSED: October 2, 2017

REBECCA HUBBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIA APP, FISCAL OFFICER