

93-O-24

AN ORDINANCE

Amending City Code Section 7-12-17 “Charges, Rates, Fees, and Penalties”

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is mandated by the Illinois Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act, 415 ILCS 5/17.12, to replace its lead service lines throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency’s Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) once published will require cities to replace all lead service lines in 10 years beginning in 2027. For a limited number of drinking water systems, in limited circumstances, that cannot replace every lead pipe in 10 years, the rule establishes some additional time to get the job done; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has committed to increasing the replacement of water main from 1% (1.5 miles) to 2% (3.2 miles) each year to both accelerate the number of lead service lines replaced each year but also to replace water main that are greater than eighty years old; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the mandated replacement of lead service lines, the City of Evanston has determined it is necessary to increase the meter and water rates; and

WHEREAS, the Evanston City Council deems it is in the best interest of the City of Evanston to increase water and meter rates by 23.3% to cover the anticipated expense of the replacement of the lead service lines and water mains.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

SECTION 1: Section 7-12-17 “Charges, Rates, Fees and Penalties” of the City Code of 2024 is hereby amended to read as follows, to include a twenty-three-point three percent (23.3%) rate increase effective January 1, 2025.

7-12-17: CHARGES, RATES, FEES AND PENALTIES:

The fees and penalties for the waterworks system shall be paid according to the following table. Fees and penalties not covered by this table shall be as described in Section 1-4-1 of this Code.

Waterworks System Charges, Rates, Fees and Penalties	
Construction Water Fee (prior to meter installation) Section 7-12-3(B)	\$100.00/ diametric inch/ month
Connection Fee	
Initial Connections:	
5/8 inch displacement	\$930.00
3/4 inch displacement	\$1,331.00
1 inch displacement	\$2,261.00
1 1/2 inch displacement	\$4,393.00
2 inch displacement, compound, or turbine	\$7,024.00
3 inch displacement	\$13,310.00
3 inch compound	\$14,197.00
3 inch turbine	\$15,923.00
4 inch displacement or compound	\$22,615.00
4 inch turbine	\$27,280.00
6 inch displacement or compound	\$43,936.00
6 inch turbine	\$54,483.00
8 inch compound	\$70,988.00
8 inch turbine	\$80,081.00

<p>Upgrade Connections: The fee for upgrading to a larger connection shall equal the difference between the costs of the new, larger connection and the original connection. The fees collected for Initial Connections and Upgrade Connections shall be placed in a special account earmarked for the purpose of funding capital investment in new waterworks facilities.</p> <p>Replacement Connections: Services, 2" and smaller Services, greater than 2"</p> <p>Section 7-12-3(D)</p>	<p>\$100.00 \$100.00/ diametric inch</p>																											
<p>Water Meter Installation Permit Fee Section 7-12-6-2(B)</p>	<p>\$50.00</p>																											
<p>Water Meter Transfer Fee Section 7-12-6-2(B)2</p>	<p>\$50.00</p>																											
<p>Meter Charges & Water Rates Bi-monthly meter charge - The minimum service charge includes the first five hundred cubic feet (500 cu.ft.) of water consumed during the two (2)-month period for which the minimum service charge is assessed. Any fractional part of the calendar year less than two (2) months shall be prorated and the proper minimum service charge collected.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Size</th> <th colspan="2">Charge</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5/8" and 3/4"</td> <td>\$13.96</td> <td>\$17.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1"</td> <td>\$27.85</td> <td>\$34.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 1/2"</td> <td>\$52.13</td> <td>\$64.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2"</td> <td>\$82.09</td> <td>\$101.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3"</td> <td>\$144.05</td> <td>\$177.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4"</td> <td>\$231.55</td> <td>\$285.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6"</td> <td>\$408.34</td> <td>\$503.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8"</td> <td>\$691.25</td> <td>\$852.31</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Size	Charge		5/8" and 3/4"	\$13.96	\$17.21	1"	\$27.85	\$34.33	1 1/2"	\$52.13	\$64.27	2"	\$82.09	\$101.21	3"	\$144.05	\$177.61	4"	\$231.55	\$285.50	6"	\$408.34	\$503.48	8"	\$691.25	\$852.31
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<p>Regular quantity rate charged for all water used during the period for which the minimum service charge is assessed, in excess of the first five hundred cubic feet (500 cu.ft.) of water that is included in the minimum service charge.</p> <p>Section 7-12-7-1</p>	<p>\$3.94/ \$4.82 100 cubic feet</p>																											
<p><u>Affordable water rate charged for all water used during the period for which the minimum service charge is assessed, in excess of the first five hundred cubic feet (500 cu. Ft.) of water that is included in the minimum service charge</u></p> <p>Section 7-12-7-1</p>	<p><u>\$2.09/ 100 cubic feet</u></p>																											
<p>Water Turn On Fee During business hours Outside of business hours</p> <p>Section 7-12-7-3</p>	<p>\$25.00 \$75.00</p>																											
<p>Fire Service Semi-Annual Charge Section 7-12-8</p>	<p>\$20.00/ diametric inch/ 6 months</p>																											
<p>Air Conditioning Device Annual Demand Charge (unless equipped with water conservation device) Section 7-12-9-2(C)</p>	<p>\$20.00/ ton capacity over 5 tons</p>																											
<p>Unauthorized Water Turn On Penalty</p>	<p>Time and materials for repairs plus:</p>																											

Services, 2" and smaller	\$100.00
Services, greater than 2"	\$500.00
Section 7-12-12	
Shut-Off for Property Vacancy Fee Section 7-12-13	\$50.00
Lawn Sprinkling Restriction Violation Penalty Section 7-12-14-2(C)	\$25.00 - \$500.00 per day of violation
Penalty For Tampering With City Waterworks System Section 7-12-15(A)	\$500.00 plus the estimated cost of water
Penalty for Obstruction of Roundway, Service Box or Water Meter Section 7-12-15(B)	\$50.00
Cross Connection Control Device Installation Permit Fee Subsection 7-12-16-4	\$40.00/ device
Annual Cross Connection Control Fee Subsection 7-12-16-6	\$35.00/ device

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: If any provision of this Ordinance 93-O-24 or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION 4: The findings and recitals contained herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the City and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance 93-O-24 shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2025, after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: November 25, 2024

Approved:

Adopted: November 25, 2024

November 25, 2024

Daniel Biss

Daniel Biss, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Stephanie Mendoza

Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Alexandra B. Ruggie

Alexandra Ruggie,
Corporation Counsel