

**ORDINANCE NO. 287**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE OF VARNA, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**Recitals**

A. On August 4, 1969, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Varna, Marshall County, Illinois (the “Village”), adopted Ordinance No. 81, “Establishing the Charges, Rates and Regulations for the Operation of the Use and Service of a Waterworks System in the Village of Varna.”

B. The Village Board of Trustees has, from time to time, designated changes in the rates and charges for water service.

C. The Village Board of Trustees finds the current rates and charges for water service are inadequate to provide for the maintenance and necessary repairs of the municipal water system and that it is in the best interests of the Village to amend the water rates and charges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Varna, Marshall County, Illinois, as follows below.

**SECTION 1: INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The findings contained in the Recitals to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2: SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES.** Effective December 1, 2024, the following charges are established for water use (replacing all previously adopted rates and charges).

(A) Non-Metered Water Service.

The minimum monthly charge for non-metered water service within the Village limits is \$35.00 and this charge shall not be prorated.

The minimum monthly charge for non-metered water service outside the Village limits is \$37.00 and this charge shall not be prorated.

(B) The charges for metered residential and commercial water service are as follows. The base rate is the minimum monthly charge and shall not be prorated.

		In Village	Outside of Village
(1)	Base rate (0 to 1,000 gallons):	\$ 87.00	\$
(2)	Usage charge per cubic foot above 1,000 gallons	\$ .0050491	\$

(C) Operation & Maintenance Surcharge for all system users. Reserved.

(D) Debt Service Surcharge for all system users. Reserved.

(E) Water Connection Charges.

Residential Users:	\$175.00
All Other Users:	\$250.00

Non-Residential users must have a water meter and backflow system installed when the account is established.

(F) Late Fees – Service Disconnection. A service charge will be imposed upon delinquent water accounts in the amount of \$10.00 per month for non-metered customers or \$25.00 for a metered customer. An account is delinquent when it is not paid in full on or before the due date stated on the bill. If the postmark on the payment is dated after the due date, the account shall be deemed delinquent and a late fee applied. The late fee shall not be prorated. Accounts delinquent, in whole or in part, for 60 days or more shall be subject to disconnection and charges for disconnection and reconnection of service shall apply.

(G) Disconnection & Reconnection Charge. The Village will charge a \$50.00 turn off fee and a \$50.00 turn on fee.

(H) After Hour Service Calls. A charge of \$200 or the cost actually incurred by the Village with a third-party contractor will be assessed for service calls after normal business hours. The charge shall be billed to the consumer's account and be due and payable on the next water bill.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.


**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption, as provided by law.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Varna, Illinois, on November 4, 2024 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows.

<i>TRUSTEE</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
Chambers			
Koch			
Kruse			
Marliere			
Meierkord			
Todd			

**Approved** on November 4, 2024

**Attest:**

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Louis Holocker, Village President

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLISHED** in pamphlet form on November 5, 2024

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_


STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF MARSHALL    )

**CERTIFICATE OF MUNICIPAL CLERK**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Varna, the County and State aforesaid, and, as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Corporate Authorities of the Village. I do further certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 287: An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for the Use and Service of the Waterworks System of the Village of Varna as passed by the Village Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on November 4, 2024, and as approved by the Village President on November 4, 2024.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto affixed my official signature and the corporate seal of the Village of Varna, Illinois.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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