

ORDINANCE NO. 22-18

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY, REVISING
THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE WATER SYSTEM OF RICHMOND**

WHEREAS, water rates now charged to the average residential customer of the Richmond Water, Gas and Sewage Works and customers of the former Milford Water District were established by Ordinance No. 97-26, effective June 25, 1997 and were later revised by Ordinance Nos. 00-16, 02-13, 05-16; and

WHEREAS, a water rate study was completed by the Richmond Utilities Board, and said water rate study showed that because of inflation, increased costs of operation, and costs of capital improvements, it is necessary to raise rates charged by the Richmond Water, Gas and Sewage Works to its Customers, and the Richmond Utilities Board has recommended a fair and reasonable increase in the rates.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY, THAT:

(A) Definitions. For purposes of this rate ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

1. Institutional Users. Institutional users shall mean Eastern Kentucky University, the public school system, Baptist Health Hospital and organizations of a similar nature and purpose.

(B) The schedule of rates to be charged to customers on bills mailed after July 1, 2022 shall be as follows:

1. Institutional Rates. The schedule of rates to be charged to institutional water users within the city limits of the City of Richmond shall be as follows:

Flat Rate	\$2.79/100 Cu Ft
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2. Milford Water District. The schedule of rates to be charged all customers of the former Milford Water District are as follows:

Block 1 - First 2000 gallons	\$21.58 (minimum bill)
Block 2 - Next 2000 gallons	\$7.13/1000 gallons
Block 3 - Next 2000 gallons	\$6.07/1000 gallons
Block 4 - Excess (over 6000 gallons)	5.32/1000 gallons

3. Rates for all Other Customers.

- a. The schedule of rates to be charged all other water customers who use water within the city limits of the City of Richmond on all bills

mailed after July 1, 2022 shall be as follows:

Block 1 - First 300 Cu Ft	\$12.47 (minimum bill)
Block 2 - Next 400 Cu Ft	\$3.71/100 Cu Ft
Block 3 - Next 5,000 Cu Ft	\$3.67/100 Cu Ft
Block 4 - Next 5,000 Cu Ft	\$2.76/100 Cu Ft
Block 5 - Excess (over 10,700 Cu Ft)	\$2.66/100 Cu Ft

- b. The schedule of rates to be charged to all other water customers who are outside the city limits of the City of Richmond on all bills mailed after July 1, 2022 shall be as follows:

Block 1 - First 300 Cu Ft	\$15.79 (minimum bill)
Block 2 - Next 400 Cu Ft	\$4.69/100 Cu Ft
Block 3 - Next 5,000 Cu Ft	\$4.26/100 Cu Ft
Block 4 - Next 5,000 Cu Ft	\$3.56/100 Cu Ft
Block 5 - Excess (over 10,700 Cu Ft)	\$3.40/100 Cu Ft

(C) Schedule of rates for all customers excluding Wholesale Purchasers shall be adjusted annually on bills mailed after July 1 of each year to reflect Richmond Water, Gas & Sewerage Works increase in costs for operation. The annual adjustment shall be equal to average percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (U.S. City Average) published by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, however the annual adjustment shall never be less than zero.

(D) This Ordinance shall be effective upon its second reading and its legal publication.


Date of First Reading: May 17, 2022
Motion By: Commissioner Newby
Seconded By: Commissioner Arnold

Date of Second Reading: May 24, 2022
Motion By: Commissioner Newby
Seconded By: Commissioner Brewer

Vote:	Yes	No
Commissioner Arnold	absent	
Commissioner Brewer		x
Commissioner McDaniel	absent	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	



Mayor Robert R. Blythe

Attest: 

City Clerk