ORDINANCE 2026-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI and ARTICLE VIII OF USER CHARGE SYSTEM AND SEWER USER ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND, IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Village Board of the Village of Highland, Iowa County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain:

SECTION I: That ARTICLE VI SEWER USER CHARGE SYSTEM --- SEWER SERVICE CHARGES of the USER CHARGE SYSTEM AND SEWER USER ORDINANCE of the Village of Highland, Wisconsin is hereby repealed.

SECTION II: That in place of said ARTICLE VI SEWER USER CHARGE SYSTEM --- SEWER SERVICE CHARGES which is repealed in the previous paragraph, the following ARTICLE VI SEWER USER CHARGE SYSTEM --- SEWER SERVICE CHARGES shall be inserted in its place:

SEWER SERVICE CHARGES. A sewer service charge is hereby imposed upon each lot, parcel of land, building or premise served by the public sewer and wastewater facilities or otherwise discharging sewage, including industrial wastes, into the public sewerage system. The sewer service charge shall be calculated by the summation of a fixed debt service charge for payment of capital expenses, and a volume-based sewer use charge for payment of operation and maintenance costs and replacement costs. Such a sewer service charge shall be payable as hereinafter provided and in amount determinable as follows:

(1) Debt service charges shall be levied as follows:

METER SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE
5/8"	$24.51
3/4"	$24.51
1"	$30.31
1 1/2"	$54.83
2"	$83.67
3"	$138.44

(2) Sewer user charges shall be levied as follows:

(a) A basic sewer use charge for normal strength domestic wastewater with organic loadings not in excess of 250 mg/L for BOD or TSS shall be levied as follows:

Basic Sewer Use Charge $6.63/1,000 gallons

(b) A surcharge sewer use charge for wastewater discharges with organic loadings in excess of 250 mg/L for BOD or TSS will be levied as follows:

$$Surcharge = \frac{(\$0.57)(X\ mg/L - 250\ mg/L)(8.34) + (\$0.45)(Y\ mg/L - 250\ mg/L)(8.34)}{1{,}000}$$

where:

X represents – BOD concentration of wastewater, [mg/L]
Y represents – TSS concentration of wastewater, [mg/L]
Surcharge represents – Additional charge (in addition to the basic sewer use charge) assessed per thousand gallons treated.

(c) Sewer customers residing outside the corporate limits of the Village of Highland shall be billed at the regular rates for service plus a 25% surcharge.

(d) If a user obtains all or part of their water from sources other than the water utility, all or any part of which is discharged into the public sewers, it shall be metered and the rate for sewer use charge shall be the same as any other customer with the same meter size.

(e) The total sewer use charge shall consist of the summation of the debt service charge, basic sewer use charge and any surcharge.

SECTION III: That Article VIII PAYMENTS AND CHARGES – PAYMENT AND PENALTY – of the USER CHARGE SYSTEM AND SEWER USER ORDINANCE of the Village of Highland is hereby repealed.

SECTION IV: That in place of said paragraph PAYMENT AND PENALTY which is repealed by the preceding paragraph, the following paragraph PAYMENT AND PENALTY shall be inserted in its place:

PAYMENT AND PENALTY. Bills for sewer service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. The utility shall bill monthly at the applicable service charge and be computed at the monthly meter reading. A late payment of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. This late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected.

SECTION V: That this Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and posting as required by law.

Dennis Richgels, Village Board Trustee

COUNTERSIGNED:

Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer

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