

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 - 06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06, WHICH ORDINANCE ESTABLISHED NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, IN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY DECREASE CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014, 2015, AND 2016

WHEREAS, the Village currently operates a water system, and previously operated a sewer system until its sewer operations were taken over by the Rock River Water Reclamation District pursuant to an initial Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rock River Water Reclamation District previously signed on December 21, 2011, amended on April 3, 2012, and with the Village's sewer system formally acquired by the Rock River Water Reclamation District pursuant to a statutorily required court order entered on June 3, 2012, allowing the acquisition of the Village's sewer system by the Rock River Water Reclamation District; and

WHEREAS, prior to the above acquisition, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village engaged the services of Baxter and Woodman, Inc., to conduct a water and sewer study to conduct a cash flow analysis and cost of service evaluation of the Village water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, Baxter and Woodman, Inc., provided the President and Board of Trustees with its recommendations for increasing water and sewer rates and connection fees in order to provide funding for capital improvements and to adequately provide the funds necessary to meet the increasing costs for operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems, and Ordinance No. 2011-06 was passed on September 12, 2011, adopting those recommended rates; and

WHEREAS, the Village budgeted for certain revenues based on the newly established water and sewer connection fees; and

WHEREAS, the above projected budgeted revenues have not materialized since the downturn in the real estate market over the last few years has resulted in fewer new homes being built; and

WHEREAS, the concern has been expressed by developers that the amount of the Village's current water and sewer connection fees are contributing to the slower building of new residences in the Village, and it is believed that further commercial development would be supported by additional residences being built in the Village; and

WHEREAS, a temporary reduction in certain residential connection fees may stimulate both residential and commercial building, and the consequent new residential homes on the Village's water system will add revenue to the Village through water usage and capital charges; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees feels it is in the best interest of its citizenry that the water and sewer connection fees in their totality be temporarily adjusted downward for the fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016, by the total amounts of \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, and \$1,000.00, respectively, based on the year of the connection, on new building permits issued for residential home construction only, on currently platted lots only, and only on lots for which a one-inch (1") or less connection is required; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees believes it is fairest that such reduction in a given year be proportionally applied based on the percentage the original water connection fee and the sewer connection fee, respectively, constitute of the combined original cost of such connection.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, as follows:

SECTION I—TEMPORARY AMENDMENT--WATER CONNECTION FEE

Ordinance No. 2011-06 shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section II(B)(2) shall be amended in that the following new paragraph shall be added at the end of Section II(B)(2):

Irrespective of the above water connection fees listed, in an attempt to spur development, for any residential lot currently platted as of the date of passage of this ordinance which shall require a one inch (1") or smaller water connection, and on which a residence is built in fiscal year 2014, 2015, or 2016, the following reduced water connection rates shall be charged, with the greatest rate reduction being afforded the sooner the year in which the residence is built and the connection is made:

	ORD. 2011-06 RATE FY 2014	TEMP. RATE FY 2014
Water Connection Fee on currently platted lots ≤ 1-inch water service	\$2,568.00	\$1,466.00

	ORD. 2011-06 RATE FY 2015	TEMP. RATE FY 2015
Water Connection Fee on currently platted lots ≤ 1-inch water service	\$2,645.00	\$1,911.00

ORD.	TEMP.
2011-06	RATE
RATE	FY 2016
FY 2016	

Water Connection Fee on currently platted lots ≤ 1-inch water service	\$2,724.00	\$2,357.00
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Together with the temporary sewer connection reduced fee referenced below, the total reduction in 2014 shall be \$3,000.00, in 2015 shall be \$2,000.00, and in 2016 shall be \$1,000.00.

SECTION II—TEMPORARY AMENDMENT--SEWER CONNECTION FEE

Ordinance No. 2011-06 shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section II (C)(1) shall be amended in that the following new paragraph shall be added at the end of Section II(C)(1):

Irrespective of the above sewer connection fees listed, in an attempt to spur development, for any residential lot currently platted as of the date of passage of this ordinance which shall require a one inch (1") or smaller water connection, and on which a residence is built in fiscal year 2014, 2015, or 2016, the following reduced sewer connection rates shall be charged, with the greatest rate reduction being afforded the sooner the year in which the residence is built and the connection is made:

ORD.	TEMP.
2011-06	RATE FY
RATE	2014
FY 2014	

Sewer Connection Fee on currently platted lots ≤ 1-inch water service	\$4,426.00	\$2,528.00
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ORD.	TEMP.
2011-06	RATE FY
RATE	2015
FY 2015	

Sewer Connection Fee on currently platted lots ≤ 1-inch water service	\$4,558.00	\$3,292.00
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ORD.	TEMP.
2011-06	RATE FY
RATE	2016
FY 2016	

Sewer Connection Fee	\$4,695.00	\$4,062.00
on currently platted lots		
≤ 1-inch water service		

Together with the temporary water connection reduced fee referenced above, the total reduction in 2014 shall be \$3,000.00, in 2015 shall be \$2,000.00, and in 2016 shall be \$1,000.00.

SECTION III—CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 2011-06, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV—RECORDING OF ORDINANCE

A copy of this ordinance, properly certified by the Village Clerk, shall be filed in the office of the Recorder of deeds of Winnebago County, Illinois and shall be deemed notice to all owners of real estate of their liability for service supplied to any user of the services on their properties referenced in this ordinance.

SECTION V—EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance shall be effective after its passage, approval, and recording as required by law.

APPROVED:

Franklin J. Eubank, Jr., President of the Board of
Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

RECORDED: _____