

VILLAGE OF BELLAIRE
Resolution No. 01 of 2011

WHEREAS, the Village adopted Resolution No. 1 of 2009 on February 4, 2009;

WHEREAS, the Village water ordinance and sewer ordinance authorizes water and sewer fees by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to amend Resolution No. 1 of 2009 to establish and clarify the fees to be charged in connection with Village water and sewer services consistent with the Village Sewer Ordinance and the new Village Water Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 1 of 2009, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Recitals

- A. The Village currently operates a lagoon and wastewater treatment facility to serve the sewer disposal needs of the Village.
- B. According to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Evaluation Report prepared by the engineering firm of Wade-Trim, Inc. dated September 1997, the lagoon storage capacity of the wastewater treatment facility is no longer adequate to accept future growth within the Village.
- C. As a result of this lack of lagoon storage capacity, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has informed the Village that before significant future growth can occur, the Village must increase the lagoon storage capacity of the wastewater treatment facility, which the Village has begun to construct.
- D. To construct the needed lagoon, the Village sold revenue bonds with a maturity date in the year 2021.
- E. To provide the revenue needed to repay the bonds (both principle and interest) and to provide the revenue needed to operate, maintain, and repair the wastewater treatment facility and waterworks system, water and sewer user fees and charges are necessary.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Article VI of the Bellaire Water Ordinance and Article VIII of the Bellaire Sewer Use Ordinance, the Village Council hereby establishes the following rates and fees for water and sewer services connected to the Bellaire water and sewer systems:

WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES

1. Water Rates.

Except as provided in paragraph 3 below, every user of water from the Bellaire waterworks system, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village the amounts specified below:

- a. Ready to Serve Fee: [Amended 8-19-09]

◆ 5/8 – 3/4" line:	\$ 10.38
◆ 1" line:	14.72
◆ 1.5" line:	26.67
◆ 2" line:	44.08
◆ 3" line:	91.94
◆ 4" line:	161.56
◆ 6" line:	432.48
◆ 8" line:	765.87
◆ 10" line:	1,185.94

b. \$1.54 per 1,000 gallons after the Ready to Serve Fee.

2. **Sewer Rates.**

Except as provided in paragraph 3 below, every user of sewer services from the Bellaire wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village the amounts specified below:

a. Ready to Serve Fee: [Amended 8-19-09]

◆ 5/8" – 3/4" line:	\$ 9.03
◆ 1" line:	13.37
◆ 1.5" line:	25.30
◆ 2" line:	42.64
◆ 3" line:	90.35
◆ 4" line:	159.74
◆ 6" line:	350.55
◆ 8" line:	621.60
◆ 10" line:	963.12

b. \$3.53 per 1,000 gallons after the Ready to Serve Fee.

c. \$0.45 per 1,000 gallons after the Ready to Serve Fee for sludge removal

d. Customers receiving a past due/shut off notice will be charged a fee of \$1.00 at the time the notice is sent. Landlords requesting a notice of past due/shut off will not be charged the \$1.00 fee.

e. Water Line Replacement Fee [Amended 8-19-09]

◆ 5/8" – 3/4" line:	\$ 1.04
◆ 1" line:	1.77
◆ 1.5" line:	3.20
◆ 2" line:	6.17
◆ 3" line:	13.10
◆ 4" line:	22.62
◆ 6" line:	49.08
◆ 8" line:	87.02
◆ 10" line:	134.84

3. **Special Water and Sewer Rates.**

a. Every user of water or sewer services from the Bellaire waterworks system or the Bellaire wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, who is

located outside the Village limits, shall pay the Village for those services at a rate two (2) times the rates specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

- b. For water users who is located within the Village of Bellaire and who connect to a Village fire hydrant (after obtaining permission from the Village) for the purpose of filling swimming pools or other similar purposes, a charge of \$1.54 per 1,000 gallons shall be paid to the Village, plus the connection fee specified in paragraph 4d. below. For water users who are not located within the Village of Bellaire, this service shall be (2) times the rate specified above, plus the connection fee specified in paragraph 4d. below.

4. Connection Fees.

- a. Every water user who is located inside the Village and who connects to the Village waterworks system with a pipe 3/4 inch in diameter or less, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village a connection fee of \$1,313.00. If the user connects to the Village waterworks system with a pipe larger than 3/4 inch in diameter, then the connection fee shall be \$1,313.00, plus the actual costs incurred by the Village as a result of installing the larger service pipe and associated equipment. The water service connection fee provided in this paragraph and paragraph c below shall include all of the following: (1) the waterworks connection permit application fee, (2) a service pipe at least 3/4 inch in diameter, (3) the corporation stopcock, (4) the street or alley excavation fee, except the cost of re-paving the street, which shall be paid to the Village by the property owner at the Village's actual costs, (5) the water meter, (6) the water meter inspection fee, (7) a shutoff valve and box, and (8) the initial turn on fee.
- b. Every sewer user who is located inside the Village and who connects to the Village wastewater treatment facility, regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village a connection fee as follows:

◆ 5/8" – 3/4" line:	\$ 1,492.00
◆ 1" line:	\$ 2,164.00
◆ 1.25" line:	\$ 3,004.00
◆ 1.5" line:	\$ 4,012.00
◆ 2" line:	\$ 6,700.00
◆ 3" line:	\$ 14,092.00
◆ 4" line:	\$ 24,844.00
◆ 6" line:	\$ 54,412.00
◆ 8" line:	\$ 96,412.00
◆ 10" line:	\$ 149,332.00

The sewer connection fee provided in this paragraph and paragraph c below shall include all of the following: (1) the sewer connection permit application fee, (2) the tap-in saddle, if applicable, (3) the street or alley excavation permit fee, except the cost of re-paving the street, which shall be paid to the Village by the property owner at the Village's actual costs, and (4) the sewer inspection fee, if the inspection is conducted during normal work hours. If the sewer inspection is conducted after normal business hours, an additional fee of \$80.00 shall be charged. [Amended 8-19-09]

- c. Every water or sewer user who is located outside the Village and who connects to the Village waterworks system or the Village wastewater treatment facility,

regardless of user classification, shall pay to the Village a connection fee of (2) times the amount specified in section 4a above for water and section 4b for sewer.

- d. Every water user who is located within the Village and connects to a Village fire hydrant for the purpose of filling swimming pools or other similar purposes shall pay to the Village a connection fee of \$20.00. For every water user who is not located within the Village, this service shall be (2) times the rate specified above. An approved backflow device must be used when filling pools or other similar purposes.

5. Miscellaneous Fees.

- a. Every bill for water and sewer services shall contain a 1% surcharge to help defray the costs of increased environmental regulations imposed by the state and federal governments. The surcharge shall be calculated on the monthly charges both water and sewer individually.
- b. Users requesting the Village to turn on their Village water service (other than the turn on following an initial connection to the waterworks system) shall pay the Village \$30.00 for each request; except that after work hours, or on weekends and holidays, they shall pay \$80.00. Department of Public Works shall accept a check or money order before the water is turned back on. Cash or credit cards will not be accepted for after hours or weekend/holiday turn ons. If water is turned off for non-payment of bill, the reconnect fee will be \$60.00 and will only be turned on during that day's normal working hours. [Amended 8-19-09]
- c. If the Village does not receive payment for water and sewer charges as of the due date of the bill, a late fee of 5% of the total water and sewer charges shall be imposed and shall be payable to the Village immediately. [Amended 8-19-09]
- d. Water/Sewer service turned off for nonpayment will be accessed at 11:00 AM on the due date, a fee of \$60.00 whether or not the actual turn off has occurred yet. Once the fee is assessed the account must be brought current, including the turn off fee before the service is reconnected. [Amended 8-19-09]
- e. The Village Council establishes charges for connections to the waterworks system for the purpose of fire suppression based on the availability of the waterworks system and not on quantity of water used. The amount set for this charge is \$150.00 per service. This amount will double for fire suppression services outside of the Village limits. [Amended 1-19-11 with Res. #01 of 2011]
- f. If a check or credit card is presented for payment of a shutoff notice, and the check is deemed un-cashable by the bank, or the credit card is denied, the water will be shut off immediately until the account is brought current with payment of cash or money order, or a credit card that is successfully processed. [Amended 8-19-09]
- g. If a check is presented for payment of water/sewer services and is sent back by the bank as un-cashable, the check writer will be given seven (7) days to make the check good in cash or money order or credit card. If the check has not been made good by the seven (7) days, the water/sewer service to the property will be shut off until such time as monies are received to pay the account in full. Additionally, the shut off fee will be assessed to the account, on top of the check return fee. [Amended 8-19-09]
- h. Any water or sewer services or connections performed between November 1 and May 1 each year shall be equal to the normal fees charged for those services or

connections, plus the actual costs incurred by the Village as a result of performing those services or connections between those months.

- i. The water service and sewer extension application fee shall be \$50.00.
- j. The charge for an area maintenance meter shall be at current cost paid by the Village for the meter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village.

VILLAGE OF BELLAIRE

By: _____
David Schulz, President

By: _____
Janet Koch, Clerk