

TYPE: Ordinance
SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Lucht
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
DATE: 08/25/2026

DESCRIPTION: Finance: Ordinance of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois Amending Section 8-7-7 of the Bensenville Village Code with Regard to Water and Sewer Rates

COMMITTEE ACTION:
N/A

DATE:

BACKGROUND:

The Village uses revenues from water and sewer billing to fund the Utility Fund. A Water / Sewer Rate study was conducted by Baxter & Woodman, Inc. to carefully analyze the current water and sewer rates, evaluate revenues, and project expenses to provide these critical services to residents and businesses.

The Village's water and sewer rates provide the funding for vital infrastructure repairs and capital improvement projects. Upcoming environmental mandates, including the replacement of hazardous lead water services, and increases in operational costs put further strain on these financial resources. Without immediate and consistent rate increases, the Village will fall below our required minimum reserve in 2029, and put future year funding in a critical position.

Recent discussions with the EPA have identified that many funding sources may not be available for required water and sewer system improvements over the coming years, specifically those for the replacement of hazardous lead service lines. Although funding *may* be available, these required projects must be funded to continue with the Village's Capital Improvement Plan. Scheduled rate increases over the next five years will allow for sufficient funding to execute efficient projects considering all aspects of the Village's infrastructure.

KEY ISSUES:

Gradual water and sewer rate increases over the next five years will allow the Village to continue to provide safe, healthy water and necessary wastewater treatment to the residents and businesses. The Water and Sewer rate structure (fixed rate, volumetric rate, senior discount, and industrial pretreatment rates) remains the same for consistency in billing procedures. A percentage increase is proposed for the volumetric rate each year for the next 5 years (9.5%, 9.5%, 7.5%, 7.5%, and 5.0%) to increase revenue and cover costs, with 3% increases each year to the industrial pretreatment rates.

The suggested rate increases ensure that usage rates appropriately reflect the current cost of service to operate the water and sewer utilities and allow the Utility fund to be self-sustaining.

The proposed rate increases will impact a typical residential user (5,000 gallons per month with a 3/4" meter) approximately \$10.46/month or \$125.57/year. A typical senior resident (3,000 gallons per month with a 3/4" meter) approximately \$6.28/month or \$75.34/year.

Automatic increases are included in the Ordinance update for each year on January 1, starting January

1, 2027 and continuing through 2031. At any point, these proposed rates could be revisited if EPA or other funding becomes available.

ALTERNATIVES: Discretion of the Village Board

BUDGET IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed rate adjustment may increase Water and Sewer Utility Fund revenues. The budget impact cannot be estimated with certainty because it is dependent upon future customer consumption, wastewater volumes, and billing activity. The proposed rates are expected to cover the cost of future Capital Improvement Projects, as needed to provide water and sewer service to the community.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[ORD - Amending Municipal Water Sewer Rates.pdf](#)

[No increase chart.pdf](#)

[5% Increase each year.pdf](#)

[Proposed increase chart.pdf](#)

[Bensenville Rate Increases.pdf](#)

[Bensenville Sample Bills.pdf](#)

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