

TOWN OF MANCHESTER
Ordinance No. 265

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 241 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER RELATING TO WATER SERVICE
AND RATES.**

WHEREAS, the Annotated Code of Maryland, Local Government Article and Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Town of Manchester, authorize the Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester to establish and from time to time amend a system and schedules for the creation of fees and other requirements regarding the public water system; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing development and growth of the Town of Manchester requires an updating of these schedules and other requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Manchester to amend the Code to incorporate these modernized requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER:

ARTICLE 1.

SECTION 1. That Section 241-1 be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

The rates for metered service hereby established shall be and become effective July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, for each customer.

SECTION 2. That Section 241-2 be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

The following quarterly rates and charges for metered service shall be in effect as of July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025.

A. Quarterly rates within the Town.

(1) Residential rates per unit:

(a) ~~\$3.50~~ \$4.20 per thousand gallons; plus

(b) ~~\$0.35~~ \$0.42 per thousand gallons PFAS Remediation fee; plus

(c) \$42 per residential unit.

- (2) Commercial rates, including retail and business, hotels and motels, apartments, hospitals and care homes, schools and colleges and industrial rates:

(a) ~~\$3.50~~ \$4.20 per thousand gallons; plus for the first unit, plus

[1] \$42 for a unit with a five-eighths-inch meter.

[2] \$42 for a unit with a three-fourths-inch meter.

[3] \$48 for a unit with a one-inch meter.

[4] \$56 for a unit with a one-and-one-half-inch meter.

[5] \$64 for a unit with a two-inch meter.

[6] \$95 for a unit with a four-inch meter.

[7] \$125 for a unit with a six-inch meter.

[8] \$155 for a unit with an eight-inch meter.

(b) Plus \$42 for each additional unit.

(c) Plus \$.42 per thousand gallons PFAS Remediation fee.

B. The outside-of-Town rate shall be two times the above Town rates.

ARTICLE 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this chapter is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this chapter, it being the intent of the Town that this chapter shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof.

ARTICLE 3. Section Headings, Chapter Headings, Titles.

Section headings, chapter headings, titles, etc., are for the purpose of description or ease of use and do not form a part of the text of this Ordinance or any Code or test adopted hereby.

ARTICLE 4. Existing Liabilities.

This Ordinance shall not discharge, impair or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatever existing on the date of its enactment. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal pending or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance affected by the adoption of this Ordinance shall be instituted, proceeded with and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this Ordinance had not become effective.

ARTICLE 5. Effective Date.

Introduced this 8th day of APRIL, 2025.

Passed this 13th day of MAY, 2025, by a vote of 4 Council members in favor and 0 Council members opposed.

This Ordinance shall take effect on 1st day of JULY, 2025.

ATTEST:

Melinda Smith
Melinda Smith
Mayor

Kelly J. Baldwin
Kelly J. Baldwin
Director of Finance

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency this 11th day of
JUNE, 2025.

Thomas V. McCarron
Thomas V. McCarron, Town Attorney

NOTE: Matter in ~~strike through~~ is proposed for deletion from existing law.
Matter underlined is new material proposed to be added to existing law.