

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER**  
Ordinance No. 266

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 173 OF THE  
CODE OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER RELATING TO SEWER 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**SECTION 3.** That Section 173-29A be repealed and re-enacted as follows:

- A. Rates generally; metered service (based on water meter readings); effective date. The following quarterly rates and charges for metered service shall be in effect as of July 1, 2024 2025.
- (1) Residential rates per unit:
- (a) ~~\$6~~ \$7.20 per thousand gallons; plus
  - (b) \$57 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) ~~\$6~~ \$7.20 per thousand gallons; plus for the first unit:
    - [1] \$57 for a unit with a five-eighths-inch meter;
    - [2] \$72 for a unit with a one-inch meter;
    - [3] \$81 for a unit with a one-and-one-half-inch meter;

- [4] \$92 for a unit with a two-inch meter;
- [5] \$132 for a unit with a four-inch meter;
- [6] \$172 for a unit with a six-inch meter;

(b) Plus \$57 for each additional unit.

(3) 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 8 day of APRIL, 2025.

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

This Ordinance shall take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2025.

Thomas V. McCarron  
Thomas V. McCarron, Town Attorney

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

