

TOWN OF MANCHESTER

Ordinance No. 270

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 241 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERRORS IN ENACTMENT OF CHANGES IN TO WATER SERVICE 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, when the Town Council enacted changes to the commercial water service rates, Ordinance No. 260 enacted on June 11, 2024 and made effective on July 1, 2024, clerical errors which overstated the intended increases to some of the rates on commercial water use were in advertently adopted, though never charged to any water users in the Town, the water users having been properly charged the amounts intended by said ordinance, which this ordinance seeks to retroactively correct without any increase in the amounts actually charged to water users; and

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

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 241 entitled “Water”, Article I entitled “Water Services and Rates”, Section 241-2 entitled “Rates generally; metered service; effective date”, subsections A(2)(a)[4]–[8] be re-enacted with changes retroactive to July 1, 2024 as follows:

§ 241-2. Rates generally; metered service; effective date.

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A. Quarterly rates within the Town.

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

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

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[4] ~~\$56~~ \$54 for a unit with a one-and-one-half-inch meter.

[5] ~~\$64~~ \$62 for a unit with a two-inch meter.

[6] ~~\$95~~ \$93 for a unit with a four-inch meter.

[7] ~~\$125~~ \$123 for a unit with a six-inch meter.

[8] ~~\$155~~ \$153 for a unit with an eight-inch meter.

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SECTION 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.

SECTION 3 Effective Date.

Introduced this 14th day of October, 2025.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 2025, by a vote of ____ Council members in favor and ____ Council members opposed.

The changes to the Town Code enacted by this Ordinance shall take effect retroactively to the 1st day of July, 2024.

ATTEST:

Melinda Smith
Mayor

Kelly J. Baldwin
Director of Finance

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency this _____ day of
_____, 2025.

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.