

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, Chapter 9, Subtitle 7 of the Environmental 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 That Section 241-1 be repealed and re-enacted as follows: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 That Section 241-2 be repealed and re-enacted as follows: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. The Mayor may increase one or more of the rates set forth below each year beginning July 1, 2026 and every year thereafter by up to 10%.

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 ____ day of _____, 2025.

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

This Ordinance shall take effect on ____ day of _____, 2025.

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

<u>FY'26 WATER FUND</u>			
OPERATING REVENUES:	<u>FY'25</u>	<u>FY'26</u>	
Water Rents \$3.5 \$4.20 per 1,000 gallons per Quarter	\$328,971	\$394,800	
Excise Tax \$3150 @ 2 new homes	\$12,600	\$6,300	
Unit Charges \$42/qtr	\$355,992	\$355,992	
Temporary Service \$6 @ 2 new homes	\$24	\$12	
Penalties	\$8,000	\$8,000	
Sale of Meters 2 @ \$551	\$2,068	\$1,102	
Turn On/Off Fees	\$0	\$500	
Sale of Materials	\$0	\$0	
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Antenna Leases	\$83,522	\$83,522	
Fire Protection Fees (\$13095 + 2@ \$120)	\$14,385	\$14,145	
Encumber FY25 Laboratory testing		\$20,000	
Encumber FY25 Engineering Svs		\$14,000	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$807,062	\$899,873	
OPERATING EXPENSES:	<u>FY'25</u>	<u>FY'26</u>	
Salary Expense	\$295,882	\$306,147	
Overtime Expense	\$15,000	\$18,000	
Gasoline	\$13,000	\$13,000	
Equipment Repairs	\$14,000		
Vehicle Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Uniforms	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Electric	\$68,000	\$136,000	
Communications	\$6,500	\$6,500	
Building Insurance	\$9,000	\$11,000	
Laboratory Work	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Chemicals	\$35,000	\$38,000	
Postage	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Supplies	\$26,000	\$26,000	
Training/Safety-	\$4,000	\$4,000	
Training/Safety Equipment	\$0	\$2,000	
Water Meters	\$4,330	\$0	
Building Maint	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Maint of SCADA	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Fuel Oil	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Vehicle Repairs	\$6,000	\$8,000	
One (1) chemical feed pump	\$5,500	\$5,500	
Well pump replacement	\$15,000	\$19,000	
Water Meter Replacement Program	\$4,800	\$5,805	Split w/Sewer 24+30 Equine
Water Meter Replacement Prog (Commercial)	\$3,500	\$3,500	
MXU Radio reads non-pit	\$10,125	\$13,043	Split w/Sewer 81+30 Equine
MXU Radio reads pit	\$10,125	\$6,345	Split w/Sewer 54
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance		\$20,000	
Data Logger yearly fee	\$2,520	\$2,611	
IT Services	\$4,200	\$4,200	
Service Contracts	\$11,000	\$11,000	Added Generators & Chem pumps
Washer & Dryer	\$1,300	\$0	
Fire hydrant and road valve replacement	\$15,000	\$15,000	
EOR - Misc. Engineering Exp (Hydrolic Modeling)	\$14,000	\$14,000	
Pension	\$28,157	\$37,409	
Workman's Compensation	\$9,908	\$10,330	
F.I.C.A.	\$23,855	\$24,856	
Health Insurance	\$86,093	\$75,226	

Life & Disability Insurance	\$1,902	\$1,902	
TTCA Employer Expense	\$1,865	\$0	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$807,062	\$899,873	
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SURPLUS (SHORTAGE)	(\$0)	(\$0)	
<u>CAPITAL REVENUES:</u>	<u>FY'25</u>	<u>FY'26</u>	
Water Area Service Charges 2 @ \$3150	\$12,600	\$6,300	
Water Replacement Fees (0 homes) \$15000	\$45,000	\$0	
Interest Revenue	\$108,000	\$78,700	
Withdrawal from Water Area Service Savings	\$0		
Encumber FY22 ARPA monies	\$525,322		
PFAS \$.35 \$.42 per 1,000 gallons per Quarter	\$32,887	\$39,480	
Withdrawal from Water Replac. Fund	\$0		
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUES	\$723,809	\$124,480	
<u>CAPITAL EXPENSES:</u>	<u>FY'25</u>	<u>FY'26</u>	
Perma-loggers (35)	\$54,000	\$25,000	taken out of water area service charge
Water Tower Generators(3)/ Fencing/Security	\$150,000	\$60,000	
FY24 Single Audit	\$7,875		
FY25 Single Audit	\$7,875		
PFAS Remediation Design / Construction	\$359,572		
PFAS Remediation Design / Construction (non-AI	\$111,600		
Water Exploration			
PFAS Remediation Expense (future)	\$32,887	\$39,480	to PFAS Capital Savings Account
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 723,809	\$124,480	
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SURPLUS (SHORTAGE)	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,530,872	\$1,024,353	
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