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CITY OF BELPRE
ORDINANCE NO. 2 (2026-2027)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMMEND SECTION 939.08 OF THE BELPRE
CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A SENTENCE TO THE
SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 939.08 – ANNUAL
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES**

WHEREAS, questions have arisen as to whether the first sentence of the second paragraph of section of 939.08 applies only to Base Rates or Base Rates and Water Usage Rates, and

WHEREAS, committee meetings have been held to determine this issue, and

WHEREAS, the Belpre City Council has determined that the intention of the original legislation was that it should apply to both Base Rates and Water Usage Rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I

Belpre Code of Ordinance Section 939.08 – ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES

“ The Safety-Service Director and the Belpre City Auditor jointly may, between January 1st and March 31st of each year hereafter, make an additional annual adjustment of the above water rates, without further legislation or approval by City Council in an amount necessary to anticipate the revenue necessary to meet the following year’s income requirements to operate the Water Department, based upon the income and expenses of the previous year. If the position of Safety-Service Director is vacant between January 1st and March 31st of any calendar year, the Mayor of the City of Belpre may join with the Belpre City Auditor to make an annual adjustment to water rates.

Such additional rate increase, however, may be no more than four percent (4%) from the previous year. The Safety-Service Director, or the Mayor in the absence of a Safety-Service Director, with Belpre Auditor, shall advise Council in writing of the date and amount of any adjustment made pursuant to this provision.”

SECTION II

Belpre Council hereby creates and adopts a new sentence to be added to Code of Ordinance Section 939.08 as follows:

“If the additional rates increase are enacted in any calendar year, the additional amount should apply to both Water Base Rates and Water Usage Rates”

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Therefore, the second paragraph of the Belpre Code of Ordinances Section 939.08-Annual Adjustments of Rates shall be amended as follows:

“Such additional rate increases, however, may be no more than four percent (4%) from the previous year. The Safety-Service Director, or the Mayor in the absence of a Safety-Service Director, with Belpre Auditor, shall advise Council in writing of the date and amount of any adjustment made pursuant to this provision. If the additional rates increase are enacted in any calendar year, the additional amount should apply to both Water Base Rates and Water Usage Rates”

SECTION III

The Ordinance is declared to be an EMERGENCY measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Belpre, Ohio; and further reason that if an increase in rates is adopted in 2026 this amendment may become applied immediately. Wherefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: March 23, 2026

Lindsay Dennis Protem
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Kimberly Mendeth

PRESENTED TO MAYOR: 3/23/26

Suzanne Rodella
MAYOR

APPROVED BY MAYOR: 3/23/26

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned Clerk of the Council of the City of Belpre, Ohio, does hereby certify that on March 23, 2026, this Ordinance was published by posting a copy of the same at the five public places designated by the City Council in Ordinance No. 18 (2006-07).

March 23, 2026
Date

Kimberly Mendeth
CLERK