

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-ORD-5

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COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING SECTION 82-27 (“RATES”) OF DIVISION 1
 (“GENERALLY”) OF ARTICLE II (“WATER SERVICE”) OF CHAPTER 82
 (“UTILITIES”) AND SECTION 82-203 (“SEWER RATES”) OF DIVISION 2 (“USE OF
 PUBLIC SEWERS”) OF ARTICLE IV (“SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL”) OF
 CHAPTER 82 (“UTILITIES”) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SOUTH
 CHICAGO HEIGHTS RELATED TO WATER UTILITY RATES**

**ADOPTED BY THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH 2025**

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by the authority of the President
and Board of Trustees of the
Village of South Chicago Heights,
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WHEREAS, the Village of South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “*Home Rule Powers*”); and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) may from time to time amend the text of the Code of Ordinances of South Chicago Heights when it is determined to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s water supplier approved an increase of \$0.08 per 1,000 gallons to the base rate bringing the rate to \$5.48 effective March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s cost to maintain the Village’s water supply system continues to increase each year; and

WHEREAS, water rates for Village water users do not currently cover the Village’s cost to maintain and administer the water supply system; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend Section 82-27 (“*Rates*”) of Division 1 (“*Generally*”) of Article II (“*Water Service*”) of Chapter 82 (“*Utilities*”) related to water utility fees; and

Division 2 (“*Use of Public Sewers*”) of Article IV (“*Sewers and Sewage Disposal*”) of Chapter 82 (“*Utilities*”) related to water utility fees; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities find that the following amendments to the South Chicago Heights Municipal Code, as set forth herein, will secure the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. The Corporate Authorities find and determine that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the Village as well as in the public interest.

Section 3. Section 82-27 (“*Rates*”) of Division 1 (“*Generally*”) of Article II (“*Water Service*”) of Chapter 82 (“*Utilities*”) of the South Chicago Heights Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY

Sec. 82-27. – Rates.

(a) For each user of water service there shall be charged a bi-monthly rate or charge per unit (1,000 gallons) computed as follows:

Classification	Charge (per unit)
Users Within Village Boundaries	
Single-family residential	<u>\$11.08; \$55.40 minimum (5 units)</u> <u>\$11.16; \$55.80 minimum (5 units)</u>
Senior Citizen	<u>\$10.21; \$51.05 minimum (5 units)</u> <u>\$10.29; \$51.45 minimum (5 units)</u>
Apartment – Two Flat	<u>\$11.69; \$58.45 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u> <u>\$11.77; \$58.85 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u>
Apartment – Three to ten units	<u>\$16.74; \$83.70 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u> <u>\$16.82; \$84.10 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u>
Apartment – Over ten units	<u>\$17.00 \$85.00 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u> <u>\$17.08; \$85.04 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u>
Churches	<u>\$15.24; \$76.20 minimum (5 units)</u> <u>\$15.32; \$76.60 minimum (5 units)</u>
Business/Commercial:	
Up to 300 units	<u>\$17.00; \$119.00 minimum (7 units)</u> <u>\$17.08; \$119.56 minimum (7 units)</u>
301 to 500 units	<u>\$13.34 per unit</u> <u>\$13.42 per unit</u>
501 to 600 units	<u>\$12.12 per unit</u> <u>\$12.20 per unit</u>
601 units and above	<u>\$10.05 per unit</u> <u>\$10.13 per unit</u>
Industrial:	
Up to 300 units:	<u>\$18.64; \$130.48 minimum (7 units)</u> <u>\$18.72; \$131.04 minimum (7 units)</u>
301 to 500 units	<u>\$15.16 per unit</u> <u>\$15.24 per unit</u>
501 to 600 units	<u>\$13.95 per unit</u> <u>\$14.03 per unit</u>

601 units and above	\$11.78 per unit <u>\$11.86 per unit</u>
School districts	\$11.96; \$59.80 minimum (5 units) <u>\$12.04; \$60.20 minimum (5 units)</u>
Users Outside Village Boundaries	
Single-family residential	\$12.83; \$64.15 minimum (5 units) <u>\$12.91; \$64.55 minimum (5 units)</u>
Senior citizen	\$11.96; \$59.80 minimum (5 units) <u>\$12.04; \$60.20 minimum (5 units)</u>
Apartment—Two flat	\$13.44; \$67.20 minimum each apartment (5 units) <u>\$13.52; \$67.60 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u>
Apartment—Three to ten units	\$18.46; \$92.30 minimum each apartment (5 units) <u>\$18.54; \$92.70 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u>
Apartment—Over ten units	\$18.72; \$93.60 minimum each apartment (5 units) <u>\$18.80; \$94.00 minimum each apartment (5 units)</u>
Churches	\$17.00; \$85.00 minimum (5 units) <u>\$17.08; \$85.40 minimum (5 units)</u>
Business/commercial	\$20.36; \$142.52 minimum (7 units) <u>\$20.44; \$143.08 minimum (7 units)</u>
Industrial	\$22.10; \$154.70 minimum (7 units) <u>\$22.18; \$155.26 minimum (7 units)</u>
School districts	\$13.69; \$68.45 minimum (5 units) <u>\$13.77; \$68.85 minimum (5 units)</u>

Section 4. Section 82-203 (“*Sewer rates*”) of Division 2 (“*Use of Public Sewers*”) of Article IV (“*Sewers and Sewage Disposal*”) of Chapter 82 (“*Utilities*”) of the South Chicago Heights Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined

language to read, as follows:

DIVISION 2 – USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

Sec. 82-203 – Sewer rates.

All users of sewer services provided by the village shall pay the following rates for sewer service:

- (a) A service and handling charge of \$1.00 per bi-monthly bill.
- (b) Effective March 1, 2025, December 2, 2024, a sewer rate of \$1.50 \$1.58 per unit of water usage (1,000 gallons).

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 6. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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ADOPTED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois this 17th day of March 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

VOTE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED by the President of the Village of South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois on this 17th day of March 2025.


VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK