ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE WITH THE JANUARY 1ST 2027 BILLING AND DECEMBER 2026 CONSUMPTION PERIOD

WHEREAS, the Village of Archbold operates as a municipal utility its sanitary sewerage system and related facilities (hereinafter called "System") for the collection and disposal of sanitary sewage and industrial waste in said Village; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase certain rates and charges for wastewater service provided to the Village of Archbold and its inhabitants and other users to produce sufficient revenue to pay the operating, maintenance and capital expenses of its "System".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Archbold, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined and declared to be necessary for the due protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the Village of Archbold to establish and collect revised charges for the use of the System upon all lots, lands and premises served by or having connection with the System.

Section 2. The funds received from the collection of the rates and charges hereinafter provided shall be deposited as received with the Director of Finance, who shall keep the same in a separate fund designated "Wastewater Revenue Fund". Subject to the provisions of any ordinance or Indenture of Mortgage authorizing the issuance of and securing mortgage bonds for the System, moneys in said Fund shall be used for the payment of the cost and expense of operations, maintenance, repair and management of the System and any surplus in said Fund over and above the requirements hereinbefore mentioned may be used for the enlargements of, and replacements to, the System and parts thereof.

Section 3. For the purposes provided in Section 2 hereof, there is hereby levied and charged upon each lot, parcel of land or premises having a connection with the System, or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, whether directly or indirectly into the System, sewer charges payable as hereinafter provided and in amounts to be determined as follows:

A. Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, sewer charges at the rates provided in this Section with respect to any premises shall be based upon the water consumption on said premises for the billing period applicable to said premises. "Water Consumption" shall mean the amount of water consumed upon such premises, whether from the municipal system or otherwise, including private sources, during the applicable sewer charge billing period, as measured by a water meter acceptable to the Village Administrator, or if said Administrator determines that measurement by water meter

is not feasible then in such manner as shall be determined by the Village Administrator.

B. The monthly charge for each user shall be computed on the following schedule:

2027 Rate Schedule- effective with the 1-1-2027 Billing/December 2026 Usage

- Each 1,000 gallons metered = **$5.30 per 1,000 gallons.**
- Each bill shall include a Ready-To-Serve fee based on the size of the customer's meter, as calculated according to the table below.
- Customers with bulk sewage meters located outside municipal boundaries shall pay a Ready-To-Serve fee based on the size of the flow meter, as specified in the table below.
- Rates for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) customers shall be reviewed annually and adjusted in accordance with base rate changes applicable to all users.

Meter Size (inches)	Inside City Limits ($/month)	Outside City Limits ($/month)
5/8" - 3/4"	$21.20	$42.40
1"	$25.00	$50.00
1 1/2"- 2"	$63.08	$126.16
3"	$154.75	$309.50
4"	$269.92	$539.84
6"	$430.56	$861.12
8"	$569.25	$1138.50

C. The Village Council directs the Administrator and Utility Staff to meet annually, after January 1, with the Village's largest water and wastewater user. This meeting shall include a review of the user's BOD-related rates.

D. In the event, any user of the system shall discharge thereto wastes stronger than 200/mgl of BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand), there shall be added a monthly surcharge to such user, in addition to said monthly charges, **at the rate of $.37 per pound with the January 1, 2027, Billing.** Said excess BOD shall be determined by the Village's Wastewater Laboratory personnel using a standard 5-day BOD test from composite samples collected by each user at such time and in such manner requested by the Village Administrator. No less than two samples per month shall be collected. Billing of surcharges to a user for excess BOD, where possible, shall be computed on the basis of the average of excess of BOD found in all samples collected and tested during the previous month.

Section 4. Industrial Waste Rate. The rate for Industrial waste, which is trucked to the treatment plant, will be determined by a BOD factor based upon pounds of BOD.

Section 5. Monthly usage rates charged to water users outside the Village limits shall be computed in accordance with the terms of the applicable agreements. In no case shall such rates be less than 150% of the established base rate, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the agreement.

Section 6. The sewer rates established herein shall take effect with January 1, 2027, billing for December 2026 consumption. All sewer charges are due within ten (10) days of billing. A 10% penalty shall be assessed for any unpaid charges after the due date.

Section 7. Each sewer charge imposed under this ordinance shall constitute a lien upon the premises served. If unpaid after thirty (30) days, the amount due, with applicable interest and penalties, may be certified to the Auditor of Fulton County for placement on the tax duplicate and collected as other municipal taxes.

Section 8. The discharge of unacceptable industrial wastes, as hereinafter defined, into the System, whether directly or indirectly, is hereby prohibited. Where investigation reveals the presence in the System of unacceptable industrial wastes emanating from any lot, land, building or premises, located within or without the corporate limits of the Village, the owner, lessor, lessee or occupant of said lot, land, building or premises, shall be required to treat, neutralize, or in other ways prepare the noxious substance therein, to the satisfaction of the Village Administrator, in order to convert the same into acceptable industrial wastes.

Section 9. The Village Administrator shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as he/she may deem necessary for the enforcement of the provisions hereof, for the proper determination and collection of the rates and charges herein provided, and for the safe, efficient and economical management of the System; and such rules and regulations, when not repugnant to existing ordinances of the Village of laws of the State of Ohio, shall have the same force and effect as an ordinance of Council.

Section 10. For the purposes of this ordinance the terms "sanitary sewage", "acceptable industrial wastes", "unacceptable industrial wastes" and "Ready-To-Serve Fee" shall be defined as follows:

"Sanitary Sewage" is hereby defined as the waste from water closets, urinals, lavatories, sinks, bathtubs, showers, household laundries, cellar floor drains, bars, soda fountains, cuspidors, refrigerator drips and drinking fountains, and any other water-born waste not constituting an industrial waste.

"Acceptable Industrial Wastes" are herein defined as being liquid organic waste materials not containing toxic or explosive elements or other substances injurious to sewers or sewage treatment processes, which result from any commercial, manufacturing, or industrial operation or process.

"Unacceptable Industrial Wastes" are hereby defined as being liquid wastes in which are incorporated minerals, oil, acid, toxic, metallic, chemical or explosive substances, resulting from any commercial, manufacturing or industrial operation or process and all wastes determined by the Village Administrator to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process or require

attention and expense at the sewage treatment plant beyond that contemplated by the schedule of charges levied herein.

"Ready-To-Serve Fee" means a fixed, recurring charge assessed to all customers connected to, or capable of discharging into, the Village's sanitary sewer system, regardless of actual usage. The fee recovers fixed costs associated with maintaining the sewer system's capacity and infrastructure in a constant state of readiness to collect, convey, and treat wastewater. It ensures the financial sustainability of the sewer utility and equitably allocates system availability costs among all users, including those with minimal or seasonal discharge.

Section 11. Village shall reserve the right, but has no obligation, to negotiate a contract specifying different rates than those contained in this ordinance with any industrial or commercial customer that is required to implement a pre-treatment program.

Section 12. Any prior rate increase ordinances or other conflicting ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof, are repealed.

Section 13. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

1st Reading- September 21, 2026
2nd Reading- October 5, 2026
3rd Reading- October 19, 2026
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