ORDINANCE NO. 2026-32

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

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

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

Section 1. 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 = **$5.10 / 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.

Meter Size (inches)	Inside City Limits ($/month)	Outside City Limits ($/month)
5/8" - 3/4"	$14.25	$28.50
1"	$19.92	$39.84
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

Section 3. The monthly usage rates charged to water users located 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 base rate established in Section 1.

Section 4. The Ready-To-Serve Charge for areas located outside the Village corporation limits may be set at:

- **Up to two (2) times** the standard Archbold Rate where the water lines are owned by or clearly under the responsibility of the receiving agency, or where service is provided under a bulk billing arrangement; and
- **Up to three (3) times** the standard Archbold Rate where ownership has been assumed by the Village of Archbold, or where ownership responsibility is not clearly established by agreement.

Section 5. If any water rent charged against any tenant or premises is not paid on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the billing month, a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the original charge shall be added and collected as part of the bill.

Section 6. The Village reserves the right, but shall not be obligated, to negotiate a contract specifying different rates than those established in this ordinance with any industrial or commercial customer whose average monthly usage exceeds 2,000,000 gallons.

Section 7. Each water charge levied pursuant to this ordinance is hereby made a lien upon the premises charged therewith, and if the same is not paid within thirty days after it shall be due and payable, it may be certified to the Auditor of Fulton County, who shall place the same on the tax duplicate, with interest and penalties allowed by law, and be collected as other municipal taxes are collected.

Section 8. For the purposes of this ordinance the term "Ready-To-Serve Fee" shall be defined as follows:

"Ready-To-Serve Fee" means a fixed, recurring charge assessed to all customers connected to, or capable of receiving service from, the Village's public water system, regardless of actual usage. The fee recovers the fixed costs of operating and maintaining system infrastructure necessary to ensure continuous availability of safe and reliable water service. It ensures the financial sustainability of the utility and equitably allocates system readiness costs among all users, including those with minimal or seasonal usage.

Section 9. Any prior rate increase ordinances or conflicting ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof, are repealed.

Section 10. 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
Ordinance Effective Date: November 19, 2026

Karla Ball, Council President

Bradley Grime, Mayor

Attest:

Cassandra C. Storrer, Clerk of Council