

**Municipal Code
ORDINANCE 2006-5**

**AMENDED SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
AMENDED MARCH 26, 2009
AMENDED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
AMENDED JULY 26, 2012
AMENDED JULY 1, 2013
AMENDED DECEMBER 17, 2015
AMENDED APRIL 28, 2016
AMENDED 2-24-17 VETO
OVERRIDE OF VETO 4-27-17 RATE INCREASE
AMENDED JULY 28, 2022 INCREASE SEWER TAP FEES
AMENDED December 22, 2022 ADD GRAVITY LINE WASTEWATER TAP
AMENDED January 26, 2023
AMENDED JUNE 29, 2023**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SPENCER, TENNESSEE, SETTING WATER AND SEWER RATES, AND RELATED SERVICES PROVIDED AND/OR FURNISHED BY THE SPENCER UTILITY DISTRICT TO CUSTOMERS OF THE SPENCER UTILITY DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Spencer find it necessary to the financial future of the Spencer Utility District, and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board is required to adjust the rates charged for water, sewer, and related services to reflect the costs of operation of the water department and sewer department, and capital improvements needed to keep the systems in proper working order;
and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Spencer that water and sewer rates, and related fees and service charges are established as follows:

TITLE 18, WATER AND SEWER, CHAPTER 2, OF THE CITY OF SPENCER MUNICIPAL CODE IS HEREBY ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 2

WATER AND SEWER RATES

SECTION

- 18-201. Purpose
- 18-202. Water Rates.
- 18-203. Sewer Rate
- 18-204. Service and Tap Fee

18-201. Purpose. The following rate and fee structures are adopted so that safe and efficient water and sewer services may be provided to Spencer Utility District, and in other circumstances where services may be provided as have been or will be approved by the Spencer Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

18-202. Water Rates. The following water rates shall apply for all user classification for the fiscal years indicated below:

Water												
Residential	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	
	FY 06/07	9/13/2010	8/18/2012	7/2/2013	12/18/2015	4/27/2017	4/27/2018	2023 February	2023 August	2024 February	2024 August	
Inside City	Flat Rate	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$12.75	\$16.50	\$20.25	\$24.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95
Outside City	Flat Rate	\$5.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$16.75	\$20.50	\$24.25	\$28.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.86	\$0.95	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05
Businesses	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	
	FY 06/07	9/13/2010	8/18/2012	7/2/2013	12/18/2015	4/27/2017	4/27/2018	2023 February	2023 August	2024 February	2024 August	
Inside City	Flat Rate	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$21.75	\$34.50	\$47.25	\$60.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95
Outside City	Flat Rate	\$5.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$21.75	\$34.50	\$47.50	\$60.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.86	\$0.95	\$1.05	\$1.17	\$1.28	\$1.39	\$1.50
Tax Exempt	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	
	FY 06/07	9/13/2010	8/18/2012	7/2/2013	12/18/2015	4/27/2017	4/27/2018	2023 February	2023 August	2024 February	2024 August	
Inside City	Flat Rate	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$13.00	\$17.00	\$21.00	\$25.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95	\$0.95
Outside City	Flat Rate	\$5.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$22.75	\$31.50	\$40.75	\$50.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.86	\$0.95	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05

18-203. Sewer Rates. Amended January 26, 2023 to the following table below.

Sewer												
General Service	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	
	FY 06/07	9/13/2010	8/18/2012	7/2/2013	12/18/2015	4/27/2017	4/27/2018	2023 February	2023 August	2024 February	2024 August	
General Service	Flat Rate	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$13.00	\$17.00	\$21.00	\$25.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$1.09	\$1.23	\$1.37	\$1.50
Admin/Jail	Flat Rate	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$103.75	\$201.50	\$299.25	\$400.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$1.09	\$1.23	\$1.37	\$1.50
Nursing Home	Flat Rate	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$103.75	\$201.50	\$299.25	\$400.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$1.09	\$1.23	\$1.37	\$1.50
High School	Flat Rate	\$5.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$51.75	\$94.50	\$137.25	\$180.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.86	\$0.95	\$1.05	\$1.09	\$1.23	\$1.37	\$1.50
Elementary	Flat Rate	\$5.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$51.75	\$94.50	\$137.25	\$180.00
	Rate @ 100 Gallons	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.86	\$0.95	\$1.05	\$1.09	\$1.23	\$1.37	\$1.50

18-204. Service and Tap Fees. The **ACTUAL** cost of road bore (if required) will be added to the cost of water & sewer tap fee. The footage and cost will be determined by the utility department.

(1)	Bulk Water Rate		\$10.00 plus \$1.05 per 100 gallons
	Backflow Certification		\$50.00 per Backflow Test
	Water Service	Non-refundable Service Fee	\$50.00 Owner \$75.00 Renter plus a Refundable Deposit of a 12 Month Estimate
	¾ inch water service		\$1500.00
	1 inch water service		\$2500.00
	2 inch and over		Determine by Utility Department

Water customers will be billed the flat rate for **each** active multiple connection to one meter, plus consumption.

(2)	Sewer Service	Amended July 2022
	Residential	\$5000
	Commercial (other than single family residential)	\$8500.00
	Gravity Line Wastewater Tap	\$2500.00 plus the cost of Materials and Labor

(3) Water and sewer service (if available) will be provided to the customer's property line, or in the case of force main (grinder pump) to a suitable location on customer's property. The customer will be responsible from that point or from the meter (for water service).

(4) Tape fees for apartment buildings

(a) Individual Meters

Water tap	\$1500.00 per unit – ¾ inch line
Sewer tap	\$5000 per unit July 2022

Meters and service line to meters provided and install by utility department. Plans must be approved by utility department. Customer will be billed a flat rate for each unit, plus consumption. (Ex: Apartment complex with 4 units will be charged \$6,000.00 for water taps, and \$20,000.00 for sewer taps.)

(b) Master Meter

Water Tap Determined by Utility Department
Meter is to be provided and installed by owner.
(Ex: Apartment complex with 4 units will be charged \$2400.00 for water taps.)

Sewer Tap Minimum \$8500.00 plus \$50.00 per unit

Collection system to be provided and installed by the owner. Plans must be approved by utility department. Customer will be billed the flat rate for each unit, plus consumption. (Ex: Apartment complex will be charged a minimum \$8500.00 for a single commercial sewer tap. Capacity requirements beyond, plus additional costs based on capacity requirements)

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage by the Board and Mayor of Aldermen, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED 1ST READING: July 27, 2006
YEA 3 NAY 2
PASSED 2nd READING August 10, 2006
YEA 4 NAY 0

AMENDMENTS:

PASSED 1ST READING: September 11, 2008
PASSED 2nd READING: September 25, 2008 Increased Tap Fees

PASSED 1ST READING: October 30, 2008
PASSED 2ND READING: November 24, 2008
Effective Date: November 25, 2008 Landlord/Renter Agreement

PASSED 1ST READING: February 26, 2009
PASSED 2ND READING: March 26, 2009 Multiple Connections

PASSED 1ST READING: August 26, 2010
PASSED 2ND READING: September 13, 2010 Flat Rate Increase

PASSED 1ST READING: June 29, 2012
PASSED 2ND READING: July 26, 2012 Increased Consumption Rate

PASSED 1ST READING June 27, 2013
PASSED 2nd READING July 1, 2013
Reduced flat rate inside by .50 (water & sewer /total 1.00) & added .05 to usage Inside and Outside.

PASSED 1st READING November 19th, 2015
PASSED 2nd READING December 17th 2015 15% Increase on water & sewer
Consumption only. Flat rate to
Remain the same.

PASSED 1ST READING March 31, 2016
PASSED 2ND READING April 28, 2016

To add the actual cost of a road
Bore to the tap fee for water and/
Or sewer tap. Footage & cost to
determined by the utility dept.

PASSED 1ST READING January 26th, 2017
PASSED 2ND READING February 24th, 2017

Option "B" rate increase	2017	&	2018
inside flat rate	8.00		9.00
consumption	.85		.95
outside flat rate	11.50		13.00
consumption	.95		1.05

VETO BY MAYOR 3-30-17
VETO OVERRIDDEN BY BOARD 4-27-17
RATE INCREASED PASSED

PASSED 1ST READING JUNE 30, 2022
PASSED 2ND READING JULY 28, 2022

Increase Sewer Tap Fees \$5000

PASSED 1ST READING 11/17/2022
PASSED 2ND READING 12/22/2022

Add Gravity Line Wastewater Tap Fee

PASSED 1ST READING 12/22/2022
PASSED 2ND READING 01/26/2023

RATE INCREASE
February 2023 & August 2023
February 2024 & August 2024

PASSED 1ST READING 06/15/2023
PASSED 2ND READING 06/29/2023

INCREASE FOR WATER TAPS,
INCREASE FOR BULK RATE,
BACKFLOW

 Alisa Farmer, Mayor

 Crystal Sci, Recorder