



**ST. CHARLES**  
SINCE 1834

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Title: Recommendation to approve Ordinances authorizing changes in rates for the Electric, Water, and Wastewater Utilities for the City of St Charles

Presenter: Chris Minick, Finance Director

*Please check appropriate box:*

Government Operations (04/22/13)		Government Services
Planning & Development	X	City Council (05/06/2013)
Public Hearing		

Estimated Cost:	N/A	Budgeted:	YES		NO	
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

**Executive Summary:**

In conjunction with the implementation of the FY 13-14 budget, we are seeking approval of the attached ordinances to enact changes in the utility rate structure. These ordinances reflect the rates utilized in the preparation of the FY 13/14 budget presented to and approved by the City Council on April 15. The projections and amounts included in the budget presentation are predicated on the rate structure created by the ordinances attached. The changes to the rate structures proposed continue the City Council’s commitment to assure the long term financial viability and sustainability of the utilities in conjunction with the rate study passed in May of 2011.

In addition to the rate changes, the ordinances also propose the implementation of a surcharge for utility service outside the City limits. These surcharges are proposed to cover the costs of providing utility service that are not covered by the current rate structure. Projections for these revenues are included in the FY 13/14 budgeted revenue amounts and reflect a 5% adjustment for Electric, 36% for water and 20% for sewer service. If approved as proposed, these rate changes would be effective with bills sent in June.

**UPDATE FOR CC MEETING:**

There were no votes on these particular ordinances at the Committee hearing. However, there was no direction given as to the provisions of the ordinances that were unacceptable. Therefore the ordinances appear in the same form as were presented at the Government Services Committee meeting on April 22.

**Attachments:** *(please list)*

**Rate Ordinances (3):**  
**Electric, Water, Sewer**

**Recommendation / Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

**Recommendation to approve ordinances authorizing changes in the rate structure for the Electric, Water and Wastewater utilities for the City of St Charles**

*For office use only:*

*Agenda Item Number:*

City of St. Charles, Illinois

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**An Ordinance Amending Title 13 “Public Utilities” Chapter 13.08  
“Electricity” (Rates) of the St. Charles Municipal Code**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.220 "Rates - Established" of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.220 Rates – Established

The rates for the purchase of electrical energy are established as set out in Sections 13.08.230 through 13.08.292. The rates established in Sections 13.08.230 through 13.08.292 shall be increased by an additional 5% if electrical service is provided to a service address outside the corporate limits of the City of St Charles unless the customer has an electric service agreement with the City that was in existence prior to May 6, 2013 that provides for a different additional charge.”

2. That Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.230 "Rate 1 – Residential – Rates, Charges and Service Requirements." Subsection B, Paragraph 1 and 2, of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.230 Rate 1 - Residential - Rates, Charges and Service Requirements.

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Monthly Customer Charge. The net monthly customer charge shall be thirteen dollars and no cents (\$13.00) per meter.
2. Energy Charge. The net energy charge shall be as follows:

Summer Months

\$0.1090 per kilowatt-hour for all kilowatt-hours

Non-summer Months

\$0.0985 per kilowatt-hour for all kilowatt-hours

For purposes hereof, the "summer months" are defined as the electric usage that is billed to the user starting in the month of June and the next four succeeding months.

3. That Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.240 "Rate 3 – Small General Service – Rates, Charges, and Service Requirements." Subsection B, Paragraph 1 and 2, of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.240 Rate 3 – Small General Service – Rates, Charges, and Service Requirements.

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Monthly Customer Charge. The net monthly customer charge shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meter.
2. Energy Charge. Then net energy charge shall be as follows:  
  
\$0.0860 per kilowatt-hour for all kilowatt-hours

4. That Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.260 "Rate 5 – General service – Rates, Charges, and Service Requirements," Subsection B, Paragraph 1, 3, and 4, of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.260 Rate 5 - General service - Rates, Charges, and Service Requirements.

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Monthly Customer Charge. The net monthly customer charge shall be fifty dollars (**\$50.00**) per meter.
3. Demand Charge. The net demand charge shall be as follows:  
  
\$17.25 per kilowatt
4. Energy Charge. The energy charge shall be as follows:  
\$0.0510 per kilowatt-hour for all kilowatt-hours

5. That Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.265 "Rate 6 – Governmental Outdoor Lighting – Rates, Charges, and Service Requirements," Subsection B, Paragraph 1, and 3, of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.265 Rate 6 – Governmental Outdoor Sports Lighting - Rates, Charges, and Service Requirements.

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Monthly Customer Charge. The net monthly customer charge shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meter.
  
3. Energy Charge. The energy charge shall be as follows:  
\$0.1611 per kilowatt-hour for all kilowatt-hours

6. That Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.275 "Rate 7 – Large General Service – Rates, " Subsection B, Paragraph 1, 3, and 4, of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.275 Rate 7 - Large General Service - Rates, Charges and Service Requirements.

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Monthly Customer Charge. The net monthly customer charge shall be one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per meter.
  
3. Demand Charge. The net demand charge shall be as follows:  
\$17.25 per kilowatt
  
4. Energy Charge. The net energy charge shall be as follows:  
\$0.0530 per kilowatt-hour On-Peak  
\$0.0425 per kilowatt-hour Off-Peak

7. That Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.290 "Rate 8 – Municipal Owned Street Lighting and Traffic Signals – Rates, " Subsection B, Paragraph 1 of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

13.08.290 Rate 8 – Municipal Owned Street Lighting and Traffic Signals

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Energy Charge.  
\$0.0619 per kilowatt-hour for all kilowatt-hours

8. That Chapter 13.08 "Electricity," Section 13.08.292 "Rate 9 – Primary Metered Large General Service – Rates, Charges and Service Requirements. Subsection B, Paragraph 1, 3, and 4, of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting the same and substituting the following:

B. Charges for this rate shall be as follows:

1. Monthly Customer Charge. The net monthly customer charge shall be one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00) per meter.

3. Demand Charge. The net demand charge shall be as follows:  
\$16.91 per kilowatt

4. Energy Charge. The net energy charge shall be as follows:  
\$0.0519 per kilowatt-hour On-Peak  
\$0.0417 per kilowatt-hour Off-Peak

9. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law; provided, however, that the rates set forth herein shall be effective for the first billing subsequent to June 1, 2013.

10. That after the adoption and approval hereof this Ordinance shall (i) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the Council, or (ii) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper published in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nancy Garrison, City Clerk

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COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of St. Charles, Illinois  
Ordinance No. 2013-M-\_\_\_\_\_**

**An Ordinance Amending Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.16, “Water”,  
Section 13.16.190 “Net Charges for Property with Buildings Connected to  
System” of the St. Charles Municipal Code**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES,  
KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.16 “Water”, Section 13.16.190 “Net Charges for Property with Buildings Connected to System”, of the St. Charles Municipal Code, is hereby deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof the following language shall be substituted:

**“13.16.190 Net Charges for Property with Buildings Connected to System**

All property upon which any building has been or may be hereafter erected having a connection with the water system shall pay the following charges:

A. Customer Charge. The following customer charge is for all general service water customers:

**Customer Charge**

Meter Size	Per Month
3/4” and under	\$6.03
1”	\$7.77
1-1/4”	\$9.44
1-1/2”	\$10.87
2”	\$14.67
3”	\$23.31
4”	\$35.58
7-1/2”	\$95.91

B. Water Charge. The following water rates apply to all customers:

Base Water Rate – Two dollars and fifty-three cents (\$2.53) per 1000 gallons.

\*Excess Seasonal Water Rate – Four dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$4.28) per 1000 gallons.

\*Excess Seasonal Water Rate applies to water use that is billed to the customer starting in the month of June and the next four succeeding months.

The excess seasonal water rate applies to water used during the above period which is greater than 130 percent of the monthly average of water used during the winter quarter and which is greater than 6,500 gallons per month usage. All other water is billed at the base rate. New customers who have no history of water consumption during the winter quarter will be billed on the basis of actual consumption at the base rate until a winter average is determined.

C. Charge for Use Outside of City Limits. Any customer connected to the system receiving water service at a location outside the corporate limits of the City of St Charles shall pay an additional charge of 36% of all charges imposed for water service by this section 13.16.190 A. and B. above, unless the customer has a water service agreement with the City that was in existence prior to May 6, 2013 that provides for a different additional charge.”

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law; provided, however, that the rates set forth herein shall be effective for the first billing period subsequent to June 1, 2013.

Section 3. That after the adoption and approval hereof this Ordinance shall (i) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the Council, or (ii) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper published in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nancy Garrison, City Clerk



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COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of St. Charles, Illinois**  
**Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**An Ordinance Amending of Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Chapter 13.12, “Sewers”, Section 13.12.830 “Charges for Residential Users”, Section 13.12.840 “User Charges for Metered Water Consumption and Nonresidential Use” and Section 13.12.810 “Surcharge to Industrial Users for Discharge of Compatible Pollutants” of the St. Charles Municipal Code**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Title 13 “Public Utilities”, Section 13.12.830 “Charges for Residential Users”, Subsection A, Paragraph 1; Section 13.12.840 “User Charges for Metered Water Consumption and Nonresidential Use”, Subsection A, Paragraph 1 and 2; and Section 13.12.810 “Surcharge to Industrial Users for Discharge of Compatible Pollutants”, Subsection B of the St. Charles Municipal Code, is hereby deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof the following language shall be substituted:

**“13.12.830 Charges for Residential Users**

A. The residential sewer user charge shall be as follows:

1. The following rate shall be charged for sewer service to all residential users of City sewers based upon metered water consumption: twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) demand charge per month plus four dollars and eighteen cents (\$4.18) per one thousand gallons of water used with a maximum sewer charge not to exceed 130% of a residential user’s winter quarter water usage average. The residential user’s “winter quarter” water usage shall be defined as the water that is billed to the user in the months of January, February, and March. When the 130% calculation produces a fractional result, the customer maximum will be raised to the next whole number.”
  
5. Charge for Use Outside of City Limits: Any customer receiving sewer service at a location outside the corporate limits of the City of St Charles shall pay an additional charge of 20% of all user charges imposed for sewer service unless the customer has a sewer service agreement with the City that was in existence prior to May 6, 2013 that provides for a different additional charge.”

**“13.12.840 User Charges for Metered Water Consumption and Nonresidential Use**

A. The non-residential sewer user charge shall be as follows:

1. The following rate shall be charged for sewer service to all non-residential users of City sewers based upon metered water consumption: twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) demand charge per month plus four dollars and eighteen cents (\$4.18) per one thousand gallons of water used.
2. The following rate shall be charged for sewer service to all non-residential users of City sewers where water consumption does not reflect the actual quantity of wastewater tributary to the wastewater treatment works: twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) demand charge per month plus four dollars and eighteen cents (\$4.18) per one thousand gallons of wastewater actually discharged into the sewer system.”
5. Charge for Use Outside of City Limits: Any customer receiving sewer service at a location outside the corporate limits of the City of St Charles shall pay an additional charge of 20% of all user charges imposed for sewer service unless the customer has a sewer service agreement with the City that was in existence prior to May 6, 2013 that provides for a different additional charge.”

**“13.12.810 Surcharge of Industrial Users for Discharge of Compatible Pollutants**

B. Users permitted to discharge Compatible Pollutants in excess of the stated limits, either singly or collectively, shall pay a surcharge according to the following schedule:

\$0.38 for every pound of BOD discharged above the stated limits

\$0.29 for every pound of TSS discharged above the stated limits

\$0.13 for every pound of FOG discharged above the stated limits

The following formula shall be used for calculating the pounds of excess in the User’s discharge:

(actual concentration {mg/L}-Code limit {mg/L})(8.34 lbs./gal.)(Volume of discharge)”

C. Charge for Use Outside of City Limits: Any customer discharging Compatible Pollutants into the sewer system at a service location outside the corporate limits of the City of St Charles shall pay an additional charge of 20% of all user surcharges imposed by Section 13.12.810 B. above unless the customer has a sewer service agreement with the City that was

in existence prior to May 6, 2013 that provides for a different additional charge.”

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law; provided, however, that the rates set forth herein shall be effective for the first billing subsequent to June 1, 2013.

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APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nancy Garrison, City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_