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September 6, 2023

RE: Water Fee for Repair of Pump Station

All city property owners:

This is a notice that the city council has passed a resolution and local law approving the altering of the water bills to include a fee for the collection of additional funds. These funds will be used to pay the city's portion of the bill to rebuild the infrastructure at the pump station that supplies water to the city.

Background: The existing water pumps station that is jointly owned by the City of Rensselaer and the Town of East Greenbush and has been in continuous operation since 1964. The pumps and motors that push the water from Troy and send it down the line to us are failing and have been rebuilt numerous times. The drives that run the pumps are obsolete and you can no longer get service parts for them. These are conditions that we need to correct for us to have a safe, uninterrupted supply for our water and have the ability for growth in our system. The refurbishment of the pump station is a multi-million dollar project that will be split between the City of Rensselaer and the Town of East Greenbush. The most equitable way to pay our share is to raise the funds by adding to the water bills until all of the necessary funds are collected. We estimate that the added fees will be in place for approximately two years.

The funds added to the water bills will be collected twice a year and will be shown on the bills. They amount to a total of \$3.66 per 1000 gallons of water used. As an example, if you are usually billed for the minimum amount of water your bill would be \$75.00 for the water and \$33.75 for the sewer for a total of \$108.75. The bills will now show a line added for the Pump Station Rehabilitation as an additional \$46.11. This will bring the total bill to \$154.61. Remember this water bill is paid twice a year and this example shown is for the minimum users of water. Those using more than the 12,600 gallons allotted for a six month period will see their bill rise accordingly. Their cost would go up by the \$3.66 per 1000 gallons over the 12,600 gallon allotment.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions on the fees and the pump station refurbishments.

Sincerely,

Jim Brady
Commissioner of Public Works

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2023 AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of establishing a Water Surcharge Fee by Local Law so as to be able to finance necessary improvements to the City Water Pump House and therefore needs to amend Section 175-3 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, after consultation with the Water Department and the City Comptroller, has suggested the attached methodology dated May 8, 2023 for a short term water surcharge so as to finance such necessary improvements, and

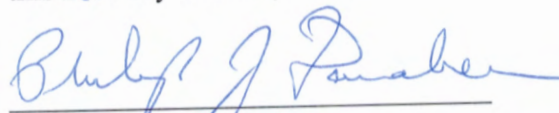
WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 6 of the year 2023, attached hereto; and

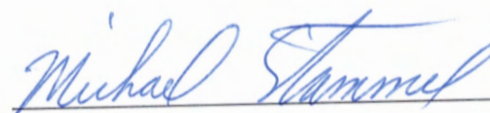
WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and substance and a Public Hearing having been conducted so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 6 of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form and substance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a duly certified copy of such Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State with such Local Law to take effect as specified therein.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this 21st day of June, 2023


Corporation Counsel


Mayor

James Van Vorst	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Ernest K. Dambrose	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Bryan Leahey	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Andrew P. Kretzschmar	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Eric Endres	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Absent
Anne E. Burton	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
John DeFrancesco	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Vote Totals	6 Aye	0 No	Abstain	1 Absent
Result	PASSED			



MICHAEL STAMMEL
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Date: May 8, 2023

To: Common Counsel

From: Mayor, M. Stammel

RE: Cross St. Pump Station Repairs

After much consideration, I believe that rather than increase the water rates to pay for the new Water Pumps, we should identify the additional cost on a separate line on the water bills as a surcharge. The surcharge would allow us to pass the cost on equally to every user based on their water use. The revenue received from this surcharge would have a dedicated account that would be used to pay the cost of the pump replacement. At the current time the water bills have two lines water use and sewer cost. When the surcharge is implemented the water bills would have 3 lines - water use, sewer cost and pump replacement surcharge. The amount of the surcharge would be recalculated in May of every year based on the cities portion of the biannual water bills from Troy and the outstanding cost for the pump replacement. The sooner we approve this method of payment; the quicker we can start putting revenue into the surcharge account and save from using Federal money.

Please review following formula information based on last year billing for calculating the cost to the customer. This is not an exact amount that will be billed per thousand, although it is within a few cents.

Total water usage for 6 months May 2022 to Oct. 2022,
Gallons used 217,371,174 - N.G. Gallons used 15,860,715 = 201,510,459
Total water usage for 6 months Nov. 2022 to May 2023,
Gallons used 233,422,406 - N.G. Gallons used 17,743,090 = 212,810,230

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Total = 414,320,689

Considering the water loss is about 1/3 per year.

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Millions: = 273,451,655

Take the total amount of millions: 273,451,655
Divide the amount of gallons billed per thousand: / 1000

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Thousands of gallons billed: 273,251.65
Per year thousand \$. 1,000
Decided by total gallons billable 273,451.65

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Surcharge based on every thousand gallons used per customer \$3.66

Water bill would show as:

Water Billed. \$\$\$\$\$\$
City sewer Billed. \$\$\$\$\$\$
Maintenance or Troy Water Pump Surcharge \$\$\$\$\$\$

CITY OF RENSSELAER

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 175, SECTION 175-3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

In order to have sufficient finances to make necessary repairs to the City Water Pump Station, it is necessary to impose a Water Surcharge Fee.

Section 2. Legislative Action

Section 175-3 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer is hereby amended to include a Water Surcharge Fee which will be added to the Fee Schedule under Cost per 1000 Gallons, and shall read as follows:

Type: Water Surcharge fee per 1000 gallons Rate: \$3.66

Section 3. Separability.

Should any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and shall Sunset and Terminate on December 31st, 2025.

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. _____ of 202 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on _____, 202 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No.6 of 2023 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on June 22, 2023, and was approved by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*, Mayor Michael Stammel and was deemed duly adopted on June 22, 2023.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. _____ of 202 of the _____ was duly passed by the Town Board on _____, 202, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*, _____ on _____, 202. Such Local Law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____, 2020, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. _____ of 202_____ of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on _____, 202 , and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Officer*, _____, on _____, 202 . Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____, 202 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. _____ of 202 of the City of Rensselaer having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____, 202 , became operative.

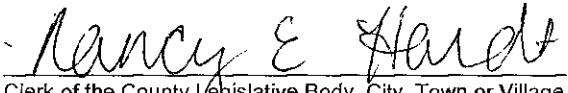
* Elective Chief Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 202 of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____, 202 , pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 2, above.


Clerk of the County Legislative Body, City, Town or Village
Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body
CITY CLERK

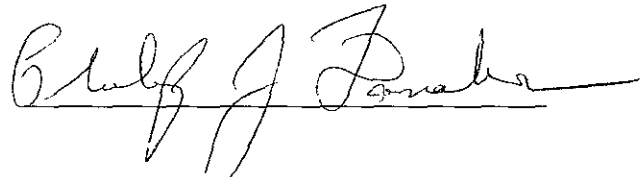
(Seal)

Date: June 22, 2023

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

State of New York
County of Rensselaer

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Local Law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the Local Law annexed hereto.



Corporation Counsel
Title

CITY OF: RENSSELAER

Date: June, 22, 2023