

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-61

**AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING VILLAGE WATER RATES FOR
FINANCING THE VILLAGE'S WATERWORKS SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hopewell, Marshall County, Illinois (the "Village") operates a waterworks system that includes the acquisition, treatment, and distribution of water throughout the Village ("the System") in in compliance with Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-129-1, *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-129-6) provides the Village with the authority to establish billing rates for receiving water service from the System at a level sufficient to pay for the cost of the operation and maintenance of the System, including the cost of new and upgraded facilities for the System, and the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness issued to support such improvements to the System as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Village plans to undertake improvement projects for the System in the upcoming months and years, which will include engineering and legal fees related to undertaking these System improvements and seeking financing for making these System improvements (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Village has undertaken a review of the water service rates in relation to expenses for the making the Improvements to the System as provided under Section 6 of Division 129 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, finding that an increase in such rates is necessary to assist with funding the Improvements to the Village's waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Village hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the Village and its citizens that the Village's water rates be increased effective February 1, 2026, as provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 2. Effective February 1, 2026, Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 4 of the Hopewell Village Code is hereby amended as follows (additions are indicated by underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~)

§8.03.04 Monthly Charges to Users. The rates and charges for users of the water system to whom service is provided within the corporate boundaries and as contracted for outside the corporate boundaries of the Village on a monthly basis as follows:

1. User Fee - \$30.00 ~~\$25.00~~ per month.
2. Metered User Consumption Rate - \$12.00 ~~\$8.00~~ per thousand gallons of water used per month.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in pamphlet form by the Hopewell Village Clerk and said Clerk is ordered to keep at least three (3) copies hereof available for public inspection in the future and in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby superseded and repealed by this ordinance, and any conflicts shall be governed by the ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and ten (10) day period of publication in the manner provided by law and upon the effective date provided herein.

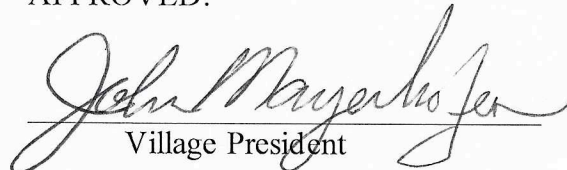
**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL,
MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN REGULAR AND PUBLIC SESSION THIS 20th
DAY OF January, 2026.**

AYES: 5

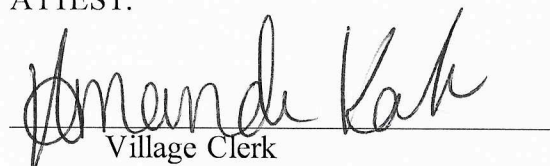
NAYS: Ø

ABSENT: Ø

APPROVED:


Village President

ATTEST:


Village Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, **Amanda Kolb** and the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Hopewell, a municipal corporation of and in the County of Marshall, Illinois, that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026-01, titled "An Ordinance Adjusting Village Water Rates for Financing the Village's Water System Improvement Project", is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance passed by the Village Board and President of the Village of Hopewell on the meeting date set forth therein, and that the Ordinance was published by me in pamphlet form this 20th day of January, 2026, by making three (3) copies thereof available on that date for public inspection.


Village Clerk

