

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW USER CHARGES FOR THE CUSTOMERS RECEIVING WATER FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF VANLUE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Vanlue, Ohio, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

WHEREAS, the Village has had a water rate study conducted by the Great Lakes Community Actions Partnership and has determined that it is necessary and essential to increase the amount it charges its customers at the present time in order to meet not only the effects of inflation, the costs of maintenance and repair, but as well the increase in the cost of providing water to the both residential and commercial customers both now and in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VANLUE, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The monthly water bill residential, commercial, and additional billable commercial customers shall be as follows:

A. Effective June 1, 2026 and continuing through December 31, 2026, the minimum bill shall be \$67.00 per month plus an additional usage rate charge of \$7.50 per month per 1000 gallons of water usage.

B. Effective January 1, 2027 and continuing through December 31, 2027, the minimum bill shall be \$80.50 per month plus an additional usage rate charge of \$7.75 per month per 1000 gallons of water usage.

C. Effective January 1, 2028 and continuing through December 31, 2028, the minimum bill shall be \$88.50 per month plus an additional usage rate charge of \$8.00 per month per 1000 gallons of water usage.

- D. Effective January 1, 2029 and continuing through December 31, 2029, the minimum bill shall be \$93.00 per month plus an additional usage rate charge of \$8.25 per month per 1000 gallons of water usage.
- E. Effective January 1, 2030 and continuing through December 31, 2030, the minimum bill shall be \$97.50 per month plus an additional usage rate charge of \$8.50 per month per 1000 gallons of water usage.
- F. Effective January 1, 2031 and continuing until changed by the Village of Vanlue, the minimum bill shall be \$102.00 per month plus an additional usage rate charge of \$8.75 per month per 1000 gallons of water usage.

SECTION 2: The Vanlue School is an identified additional billable commercial EDU (equivalent dwelling unit). Previously the Vanlue School was being billed at eleven (11) EDU's times the base rate plus the usage fee. Effective June 1, 2026, the Vanlue School shall be billed at twelve (12) EDU's times the base rate plus the usage fee.

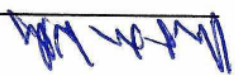
SECTION 3: The remaining two identified additional billable commercial EDU's (equivalent dwelling units), identified as the Wildcat Café and DNH Meats, are being billed at two (2) EDU's times the base rate plus the usage fee. Effective June 1, 2026, the Wildcat Café and DNH Meats will continue to be billed at two (2) EDU's times the base rate plus the usage fee.

SECTION 4: Bulk water may be provided by special agreement with the Village. Such water will be provided at times and locations designated by the Village Administrator. Bulk water is currently being billed at a rate of \$15.00 per 1000 gallons of water usage. This rate shall increase to \$16.00 per 1000 gallons of water usage effective June 1, 2026 and shall increase by \$1.00 per 1000 gallons of water usage on January 1, 2027 and each year thereafter until changed by the Village of Vanlue. Any labor required by village employees will be billed in addition to the cost of water.

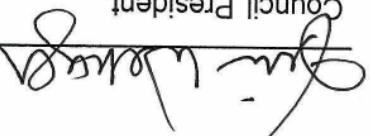
SECTION 5: If any unforeseen circumstances arise, a financial review will be conducted by the Village of Vanlue to make any necessary adjustments and / or additions to the rate structures.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village of Vanlue and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to address the costs associated with inflation, the costs of maintenance and repair, and to address the cost of providing water to both residential and commercial customers.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that it is found and determined that all deliberations and actions of Council concerning and related to the passage of this Ordinance were held in meeting open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Passed in regular session of Council this 18th day of May, 2026.



Mayor,




Council President,

PASSED: 6-0
ATTEST: 5-18-2026 - Melinda Boyd M.B.
APPROVED: 5-18-2026

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Vanlue, Ohio, hereby certifies that on the _____ day of May, 2026, she did post a copy of the foregoing Resolution at the following designated places, and that the said copies did remain as posted for a period of fifteen days: 1. Vanlue Town Hall 2. Vanlue Marathon 3. Village of Vanlue website at villageofvanlue.com 4. Wildcat Café 5. Hendricks Small Engines.

Date: 5-27-26



Fiscal Officer, Melinda Boyd