

ORDINANCE NO. 807-22

AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND AND RE-ENACT ARTICLE 1, SECTION 18A OF CHAPTER 397 OF THE BEL AIR TOWN CODE

WHEREAS, the Board of Town Commissioners of Bel Air has established, under Chapter 50, Article III, “Sewer Fund” of the Code, a self-sustaining sewer fund; and

WHEREAS, §50-10 of Chapter 50, Revenues, expenses, and working capital, provides that the Board of Town Commissioners shall establish the types of revenues necessary to meet the established sewer service operational, maintenance, capital improvement and replacement costs; and

WHEREAS, a recent audit compared the meter size on each account to the water meter size on the corresponding Maryland American Water Company account

WHEREAS, based on that audit, we discovered that a few accounts had an 8” meter size which was not included in the code; therefore, the staff recommends adding this meter size to the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Town Commissioners that §397-18A of the Bel Air Town Code, be rescinded and §397-18A of the Bel Air Town Code is hereby re-enacted to read as follows:

Chapter 397. Sewers, Article 1. Sewers and Sewage Disposal

§ 397-18 Sewer service rate determination.

- A. The rates for sewer service shall be applied as specified in § **397-18** and shall be computed annually, or more often if necessary, to cover both the projected cost of operating, maintaining, and making capital improvements to the Town sanitary sewerage system and the projected cost of transport and treatment of sewage by Harford County and its successors and assigns. The following charges/rates shall apply to all sewer customers in the Town of Bel Air unless otherwise specified: [**Amended 1-27-2014 by Ord. No. 765-14; 6-15-2015 by Ord. No. 771-15**]

Town of Bel Air Sewer Charges and Usage Rates

Water Meter Size

(inches)	Monthly Base Charge Amount	Quarterly Base Charge Amount	Usage Rate per 1,000 Gallons
5/8	\$2.63 \$2.87	\$7.89 \$8.61	\$5.91 \$6.19
3/4	\$14.82 \$16.17	\$44.44 \$48.50	\$5.91 \$6.19
1	\$24.67 \$26.91	\$74.04 \$80.79	\$5.91 \$6.19
1 1/4	\$35.65 \$38.89	\$106.92 \$116.65	\$5.91 \$6.19
1 1/2	\$49.39 \$53.89	\$148.09 \$161.59	\$5.91 \$6.19
2	\$78.97 \$86.17	\$236.91 \$258.50	\$5.91 \$6.19
3	\$167.98 \$183.27	\$503.86 \$549.77	\$5.91 \$6.19
4	\$246.75 \$269.23	\$740.28 \$807.72	\$5.91 \$6.19
6	\$493.52 \$538.49	\$1,480.56 \$1,615.45	\$5.91 \$6.19
8	\$807.74	\$2,423.22	\$6.19

Flat rate (~~14,212~~ 4,737 gallons plus 5/8-inch ~~\$91.88~~ \$32.20 (monthly base charge):

Flat rate affidavit (67.5% reduction): ~~\$29.86~~ \$10.46 (monthly)

- B. The flat rate shall be charged to all customers who are not served by a metered water connection. For flat-rate single-user customers who own and occupy the residence, the Town offers a lower flat-rate sewer charge; however, eligible customers must apply for the lower rate each July 1 by signing an affidavit.

- C. All sewer charges and rates described herein shall be adjusted annually based on the Economic Indicator Consumer Price Index (CPI). Each fiscal year these charges and rates will be adjusted to reflect the annual change of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the expenditure category "all items not seasonally adjusted" and for all regions. The annual Consumer Price Index for the period ending each December, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, shall be used to adjust all charges and rates to be applied beginning July 1 of the following fiscal year.

- D. The current charges will be published on the Town website at the beginning of each fiscal year beginning on July 1.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Town

Commissioners that this ordinance shall become effective on April _____, 2022.

INTRODUCTION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

ENACTMENT:

EFFECTIVE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Kevin M. Bianca, Chairman
Board of Town Commissioners

Michael L. Krantz
Town Clerk