



## EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

Notice is hereby given that the Empire Village Council has scheduled a Public Hearing in the Empire Township Hall located at 10088 W. Front Street, Empire, MI 49630, **on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM**, on the proposed Water Rate adjustments.

Interested persons are welcome to attend the Public Hearing and offer comments or may submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to Village Clerk, Village of Empire, PO Box 253, Empire, MI 49630 or by email to [clerk@villageofempire.com](mailto:clerk@villageofempire.com). A copy of the proposed rates is available for review at the Village Offices at, 11518 S. Lacore Road, Empire, MI 49630 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A summary of the proposed changes are as follows:

Residential Ready to Serve Rate (Quarterly)

Current: \$55.00      Proposed: \$58.00

Commercial Ready to Serve Rate (Quarterly)

Current: \$100.00      Proposed: \$105.00

The proposed ready-to-serve rates shall be effective October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be used to determine the utility bill that is mailed out January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Persons with questions or individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services to effectively participate in the meeting should contact the Village of Empire Office at: (231) 326- 5466, PO Box 253, Empire, MI 49630, or at [deputyclerk@villageofempire.com](mailto:deputyclerk@villageofempire.com).

**VILLAGE OF EMPIRE**  
**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_ OF 2024**  
**WATER SYSTEM SERVICE RATES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Empire has adopted Ordinance No. 61, as amended, "The Village Water Supply System", which prescribes the rates to be charged for the use of the water system; and the Village finds that said rates should be adjusted from time to time by resolution of the Village Council, which amounts shall be sufficient to cover all financial obligations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ supported, that the Empire Village Council adopt the following rate and fee schedule, effective October 1, 2024, for water and fire suppression services as follows:

New Service Connection Fee:	\$630.00 pre-tapped main + additional expenses
	\$1,780.00 un-tapped main + additional expenses
	\$4,380.00 untapped main (boring required) + additional expenses
New Service Water System Benefit Charge:	\$1,600.00
Residential Ready-to-Serve Rate:	\$58.00 per quarter
Commercial Ready-to-Serve Rate:	\$105.00 per quarter
Residential and Commercial Usage Rate:	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons used
Fire Department Flat Rate:	\$18.00 per quarter
Fire Suppression System Rate:	\$300.00 annually
Late Payment Penalty:	\$25.00 per quarter
Water Off	\$50.00
Water Off/On (Full Turn, Same Day)	\$40.00

Voting for:

Voting against:

The resolution is declared adopted.

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Sue Palmer, Village President

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ of 2024 which was adopted by the Village Council for the Village of Empire at a regular meeting held on September 24, 2024.

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Derith A. Smith, Village Clerk