

CITY OF SHAWNEETOWN, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 04122026-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 ARTICLE 1 SECTION 4
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF
SHAWNEETOWN, ILLINOIS AS IT RELATES
TO WATER, SEWER, GAS RATES AND DEPOSITS**

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEETOWN, ILLINOIS

THE 12th DAY OF APRIL 2026

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Matt Martin, the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Shawneetown, Illinois, and the official custodian of the records of said City, do hereby certify that the authority of the City Council published this ordinance on the 12th day of April 2026.

Matt Martin, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 04122026-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 ARTICLE 1
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF
SHAWNEETOWN, ILLINOIS AS IT RELATES
TO WATER, SEWER, AND GAS RATES AND DEPOSITS**

WHEREAS, the City of Shawneetown, Illinois ("City") has adopted a Code of Ordinances ("Code") for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City believes it is prudent to sustain an appropriate cash balance to provide funds for necessary infrastructure repairs and improvements within the City Water and Sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently been informed by the Saline Valley Conservancy District of raises in water purchase fees, continually changing supply charges that have not been passed on to customers over the last several years, and a need for the City Water and Sewer Accounts to maintain a balance that pays the salaries of its employees, maintenance supplies, and other necessities for the department; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend its Code provision establishing water and sewer rates from the City water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, the City believes it is in its best interest to raise new Water and Gas deposit rates to cover unpaid bills that account owners have left without payment, which the City must pay to the utility without just compensation; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that adopting such an ordinance is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shawneetown, Illinois as follows:

SECTION ONE- 9.104: All rates under "Combined Water and Sewerage Service per month" and "Water Service Alone per month" will be voided.

SECTION TWO- 9.104 to be amended so that all rates pertaining to the utility billing of metered water and sewage usage will be figured and billed by adding the charges of the following items:

a) **Sewage Service billed per Water usage per month**

First	2,000 gallons/water	\$13.25	Minimum Charge
Subsequent	1,000 gallons/water	\$4.00	Pro-rated/gallon

Water Service billed per month

b)

First	2,000 gallons	\$50.00	Minimum Charge
Subsequent	1,000 gallons	\$7.00	Pro-rated/gallon

SECTION THREE- Amend section 9.204 by striking out the words “Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)” and inserting the words “Two-Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)

This is a deposit for the setup of a service fee and is held until the last bill is fully paid on an account.

When an account is paid in full and closed, the account owner will be refunded the full deposit amount. If an account owner closes the account with a balance due, the City will deduct the amount owed from the deposit, with any excess to be returned to the account owner. Previously amended by Ordinance 11112024

SECTION FOUR Amend section 10.105 by striking out the words Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) and inserting Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). This is a deposit for the setup of a service fee and is held until the last bill on the account is fully paid. When an account is paid in full and closed, the account owner will be refunded the full deposit amount. If an account owner closes the account with a balance due, the City will deduct the amount owed from the deposit, with any excess to be returned to the account owner.

SECTION FIVE- That the City Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Shawneetown are hereby authorized to and shall take any and all reasonable, necessary, and proper action to carry out the intent and purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION SIX That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are expressly repealed and are of no other force and effect.

SECTION SEVEN. That repeal of any ordinance by this Ordinance shall not affect any rights accrued or liability incurred under said repealed ordinance to the effective date hereof. The provisions of this Ordinance insofar as they are the same or substantially the same as those of any prior ordinance, shall be construed as a continuation of said prior ordinances.

SECTION EIGHT. That the City Council of the City of Shawneetown finds that the subject matter of this Ordinance pertains to the government and affairs of the City of Shawneetown and is passed pursuant to authorities granted it by State statutes pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Constitution.

SECTION NINE. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, recording, and publication in pamphlet form in accordance with law.

Name	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Tim Wood	x			
Josh Gill			x	
June Rushing	x			
Sheryl Scherrer	x			
Lisa Smith	x			
Paul Stacey	x			

APPROVED:

Steve Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matt Martin, City Clerk