



ORDINANCE OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

NO. _____

An ordinance eliminating the 2,000-gallon minimum charge for water service.

WHEREAS, a 2024 State-directed water and sewer rate study found that rates for City water and sewer services were insufficient to meet the costs of providing safe drinking water, treating sewage, and maintaining water and sewer infrastructure and recommended these rates be increased accordingly;

WHEREAS, the City was required to comply with this recommendation and so adopted Ordinance 25-5766, which increased water and sewer rates as follows:

DESCRIPTION	RATE
Water (Inside)	\$2.89 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer (Inside)	\$5.07 per 1,000 gallons
Water (Outside)	\$5.78 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer (Outside)	\$10.14 per 1,000 gallons

WHEREAS, Ordinance 25-5766 maintained a 2,000-gallon minimum charge for water service;

WHEREAS, after examining revenues generated by the new rates, the City has determined this 2,000-gallon minimum charge can be eliminated without adversely impacting the revenues necessary to provide safe drinking water, treat sewage, and maintain water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined the elimination of this 2,000-gallon minimum charge will result in meaningful savings for users of low and fixed income.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HAMMOND that the 2,000-gallon minimum charge for water service be eliminated effective March 1, 2026.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on _____, **2026** of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on _____, **2026**; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by Councilmember _____ and second by Councilmember _____ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on _____, **2025** by the following roll call vote:

Votes: Councilman Wells (), Councilman DiVittorio (), Councilman Andrews (), Councilwoman Gonzales (), Councilman Leon ().

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on the ____ **day** of _____, **2026**, at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Kip Andrews
President, Hammond City Council

Honorable Pete Panepinto
Mayor, City of Hammond

Lisa Cockerham, Clerk
Hammond City Council