## **AMENDMENT NO. 2023-12-19-01**

## AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11-08-01

(AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND REVISING RULES, RATES, PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS)

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Changes to be effective with water and sewer metered beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

Section 1: Purpose The purpose of this ordinance amendment is to authorize a 10% rate increase for the next three years, specifically for water and sewer rates. This increase is necessary to cover rising operational and maintenance costs, infrastructure improvements and ensure the sustainable provision of water and sewer services to Sangamon Valley Public Water District residents.

Section 2: Rate Increase Effective February 1st, 2024, the rates for water and sewer services shall be increased by 10%. This increase shall be applied to all customers receiving these services, including residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Section 3: Implementation The rate increase shall be implemented in equal increments over the course of three years. Each year, the rates for water and sewer services shall be increased by an additional 10% until the three-year period is completed.

Section 4: Review and Adjustment At the end of the three-year period, the Sangamon Valley Public Water District shall review the rate increase and determine if any adjustments are necessary. The authority may choose to continue the rate increase, modify the percentage, or revert to previous rates based on the financial needs and circumstances of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District.

Section 5: Public Notice The Sangamon Valley Public Water District shall provide public notice of the rate increase at least 30 days prior to its implementation. The notice shall include information on the reasons for the increase, the percentage increase, and any available resources for customers to seek assistance or address concerns.

Section 6: Severability If any provision of this ordinance amendment is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7: Effective Date This ordinance amendment shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Section 8: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances Any previous ordinances or parts thereof that conflict with the provisions of this ordinance amendment are hereby repealed.

Section 9: Conclusion This ordinance amendment is enacted to address the financial needs of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District and ensure the continued provision of high-quality water and sewer services to our residents.