



Fee for repair of water/sewer infrastructure, CLCJAWA transmission costs, debt service, & capital improvement

On April 22, 2019, the Village of Lindenhurst approved Ordinance 19-4-2129 which adds a capital fee over a multi-year period. On each subsequent May 1 through 2021, the monthly rate will increase by \$2.25. This fee was the result of a Comprehensive Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study, completed in March 2018 by Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG).

The rate and fee study evaluated capital infrastructure and equipment replacement needs as identified in the Village's Capital Plan, as well as consideration of routine maintenance and repair costs. The study recommended alternatives for a fee structure that would collect sufficient revenues for the operation, maintenance, replacement, and improvement of the Village's water and sewer systems.

The implementation of this fee comes after a year of 0% increase to the water rate. The Village has absorbed the increased cost of water from CLCJAWA and other contractual/cost-of-living inflationary increases during that period. A recent survey of comparable communities noted that our water/sewer rates sit squarely in the middle of the data set. The addition of this fee would not change the Village's position when compared with the other communities. In fact, a \$2.25 monthly fee is smaller than a 2% increase to the water rate for users of 10 units and greater. It should also be noted that Lindenhurst is one of the few Villages that 1) does not have some type of flat monthly fee in conjunction with a consumption rate, and 2) offers a discount to seniors over the age of 62.

The Monthly Capital Fee of \$2.25/month (\$4.50/billing cycle) will be implemented on the July utility bills that charge for mid-April to mid-June consumption. To view the Water and Sewer Rate Study in its entirety [click here](#).

	Current	New
Monthly Capital Fee:	None	\$ 2.25/month (\$4.50/billing cycle)