

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2025-0008

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works	An Ordinance amending the title of Chapter 705 of the County Code; enacting new County Code Section 705.06 approving sewer permit fees, inspection fees, overtime/holiday/weekend inspection fees, and contractor license fees effective 1/1/2026; authorizing the Director of Public Works to increase said fees annually by an amount not to exceed the cumulative percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) beginning January 1, 2027; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works has requested approving permit, inspection and contractor license rates, effective 1/1/2026, as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the primary purposes of this Ordinance are to update the current contractor license rates, sewer permit rates and inspection rates to ensure compliance with existing sanitary codes and specifications pertaining to sewerage systems and to authorize increases to such rates when appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the rates have not been adjusted since 2018 and the majority of these rate increases represent approximately a 2.74% per year increase; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the title of Chapter 705 of the County Code is amended to read as follows (new text is bold and underlined);

Chapter 705: Water and Sewer Connection Charges; **Sewer Inspection, Permit, and Licensing Fees**

Section 2. That new Section 705.06 of the County Code is enacted to read as follows:

Section 705.06 Sewer Inspection, Permit, and Licensing Fees

A. Effective January 1, 2026, the Cuyahoga County sewer permit fees, inspection fees, overtime/holiday/weekend inspection fees, and contractor license fees shall be as follows:

2026 Sewer Permit & Inspection Fee Rate Schedule

Contractor’s License Fee	\$80
Sewer Permit Fee	\$315
Mainline Construction Inspection Fee	\$560/day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subdivision• Commercial• Industrial• Mainline tap-in connection	

Mainline Construction Inspection Fee **\$105/hour**

Overtime/Holidays/Weekends

Other Fees:

A contractor who fails to comply with the permit and inspection requirements described above shall pay the County:

- **\$210 (No Show Fee)** for failing to appear for a previously scheduled mainline inspection with Cuyahoga County Public Works.
- **\$630 for commencing work without a SEWER PERMIT** issued by Cuyahoga County Public Works (this penalty fee is double the cost of the sewer permit)
- **\$1,120 for commencing work without a scheduled inspector** by Cuyahoga County Public Works (this penalty fee is double the cost of the mainline inspection day fee)

B. Effective January 1, 2027, the Director of Public Works may increase the fees described in paragraph A of this Section no more frequently than once every 12-month period by an amount not to exceed the cumulative percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the last year in which the fees were increased where such increase in the CPI exceeds

two percent (2.0%), provided that such fee increase shall not exceed five percent (5%) per year.

SECTION 3. The Director of the Department of Public works shall cause the most current fee schedule as determined in accordance with Section 705.06 of the Code to be posted on the County’s website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwel, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney and Miller

Nays: None

<u>Dale Miller</u>	<u>12/10/2025</u>
County Council President	Date
<u>Chris Ronayne</u>	<u>12/10/2025</u>
County Executive	Date
<u>Andria Richardson</u>	<u>12/10/2025</u>
Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 12, 2025
Committee(s) Assigned: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting

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