

TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
205 WEST PALMETTO ST
PLAIN DEALING, LA
ORDINANCE NO. 6 of 2025

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING in due regular and legal session convened, that the following ordinance was presented as follows

WHEREAS, the Town of Plain Dealing has had a dramatic increase in the cost and expenses of the operation of its Water and Sewer department over the past several years.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the Water and Sewer rates being charged to its customers.

WHEREAS, a rate study was recently performed by the Louisiana Rural Water Association.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Plain Dealing desire to increase/implement the Water and Sewer per the rate study by the Louisiana Rural Water Association.

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 5 of 2025 was adopted on March 13, 2025, setting the water and sewer rates for the Town of Plain Dealing. (Ordinance #5 of 2025 amended prior Ordinance #1 of 2025)

WHEREAS there was a clerical error in said Ordinance # 5 of 2025 setting the water rates for **Monthly Residential/Commercial Water and Sewer Rates (inside and outside the Town limits**

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED - An Ordinance to amend Ordinance # 5 of 2025 Water and Sewer Rates (inside and outside the Town limits) of ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 30 UTILITIES of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing to read as follows

Section 30-4 - Monthly Residential/Commercial Water and Sewer Rates (inside the Town limits) shall be as follows:

Water Rates shall be as follows:

The minimum monthly charge for town water service/usages shall be **\$26.00**. The minimum charge is defined as the usage of 0 to 2,000 gallons of water per calendar month.

For usage of water in excess of 2,000 gallons, there shall be an additional monthly charge of **\$6.50** per 1,000 gallons of water used per calendar month, beginning on April 1, 2025.

Sewer Rates shall be as follows:

The minimum monthly charge for town sewer service/usage shall be **\$26.00**. The minimum charge is defined as the usage of 0 to 2,000 gallons of sewer per calendar month.

For usage of said system in excess of a monthly 2,000-gallon flow rate, there will be a charge of \$9.00 per \$1,000 gallons of sewer used per calendar month, beginning April 1, 2025.

Section 30-5 - Monthly Residential/Commercial Water and Sewer Rates (outside the Town limits) shall be as follows:

Water Rates shall be as follows:

The minimum monthly charge for town water service/usages shall be **\$26.00**. The minimum charge is defined as the usage of 0 to 2,000 gallons of water per calendar month.

For usage of water in excess of 2,000 gallons, there shall be an additional monthly charge of **\$6.50** per 1,000 gallons of water used per calendar month beginning April 1, 2025.

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The minimum monthly charge for town sewer service/usage shall be **\$26.00**. The minimum charge is defined as the usage of 0 to 2,000 gallons of sewer per calendar month.

For usage of said system in excess of a monthly 2,000-gallon flow rate, there will be a charge of \$9.00 per \$1,000 gallons of sewer used per calendar month, beginning April 1, 2025.

In addition, all **Monthly Sewer Rates** outside the Town limits shall pay a monthly maintenance fee in the amount of \$6.00 per customer. This fee shall be set up and distributed into a separate fund to be maintained by the Town of Plain Dealing and known as the Maintenance Fund Account. This fee is to be used for the cost to repair the system located outside the town limits as is set forth in the Service and Use Agreements by and between the Town of Plain Dealing and the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

The water and sewer rate will adjust annually starting April 1, 2026, with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, published Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), percentage change from January to December of the preceding year, or a 3.0% annual increase, whichever is greater.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

After public hearings were held on the above ordinance, the title having been read and the ordinance considered on motion by Alderman Jeff Benson and seconded by Alderman Louis Welch to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was:

ALDERMEN	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Louis Welch	X		
Jeff Benson	X		
Emily B Jennings			X
Shanithia "Shanita" Gay	X		
Shavonda Gay	X		

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED in Plain Dealing, Louisiana, on April 17, 2025.

~~Town Clerk, Rolandria McCauley~~ ~~James Cook, Mayor~~

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