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Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

*Please read carefully. Complete this form and retain a copy of **both** pages; this copy may be required if an appeal is filed. You have 15 business days to appeal after a request is denied or deemed denied. More information about the RTKL is available at <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov>. In most cases, a completed RTKL request form is a public record.*

SUBMITTED TO AGENCY NAME: City of DuBois, Pennsylvania (Attn: AORO)

Date Request Submitted: 12/22/24 Submitted via: Email U.S. Mail Fax In Person

PERSON MAKING REQUEST:

Full Name: Judith Suplizio

Company (if applicable): _____

Please send response via: Email U.S. Mail

If you wish to obtain records that only exist in hard copy, or must be provided on an electronic storage device, you may be required to provide a mailing address to the agency. See Section 703.

Email: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: 314 Hamor Street

City: DuBois State: Pa Zip: 15801 Telephone: [REDACTED]

How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? Telephone Email U.S. Mail

By checking this box, I affirm that my full name and contact information is true and correct, and that I am a legal resident of the United States. I understand that failure to check this box may result in the denial of my request and the dismissal of any appeal filed with the Office of Open Records.

RECORDS REQUESTED: *Provide as much detail as possible, including subject matter, time frame, and type of record sought. RTKL requests must seek records, not ask questions. Use additional pages if necessary.*
Residential Water Rates only for City of DuBois residents for each year 2007 thru 2024 inclusive.

*Form continues on page 2. Retain a copy of **both** pages.*

RECORDS REQUESTED (continued):

DO YOU WANT COPIES? Yes, printed Yes, electronic No, in-person inspection

Records shall be provided in the medium requested if they exist in that medium; otherwise, they shall be provided in the medium in which they exist. See Section 701. Your request may require payment or prepayment of fees. View the Official RTKL Fee Schedule for more details.

I understand that my request may incur fees. Notify me before further processing if fees will be more than \$100 (or) \$_____.

Do you want certified copies? Yes (*may be subject to additional costs*) No

ITEMS BELOW THIS LINE FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Tracking: _____ Date Received: _____ Response Due (5 bus. days): _____

30-Day Ext.? Yes No (If Yes, Final Due Date: _____) Actual Response Date: _____

Request was: Granted Partially Granted & Denied Denied Cost to Requester: \$ _____

Appropriate third parties notified and given an opportunity to object to the release of requested records.

Retain a copy of both pages of this Form.



CITY OF DUBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA

PO BOX 408 16 W. SCRIBNER AVE. DUBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA 15801

TELEPHONE: 814-371-2000

FAX: 814-371-1290

December 27, 2024

Judith Suplizio
314 Hamor Street
DuBois, PA 15801

Dear Ms. Suplizio,

Thank you for writing to the City of DuBois with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law. On December 27, 2024, we received your request for Residential Water Rates for City of DuBois residents for each year 2007 thru 2024.

Pursuant to Section 902(a) of the Right to Know Law, the City of DuBois requires an additional 30 days to respond to the request:

- A timely response to the request cannot be accomplished due to bona fide and specified staffing limitations.

The City of DuBois expects to respond to your request on or before January 26, 2025.

Respectfully,

Lisa Hagberg
Interim City Manager
City of DuBois, Clearfield County

LH/kl

From: **Matthew Gieg** <mgieg@dmkcg.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2025 at 17:12
Subject: response to right-to-know request

Ms. Suplizio,

The City of DuBois (“the City”) acknowledges receipt of your request dated December 22, 2024 (“the request”) under the Right to Know Law (“RTKL”), Act of February 14, 2008, P.L. 6, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-67.3104. The request – received by the City on December 27, 2024 – seeks “Residential Water Rates only for City of DuBois residents for each year 2007 thru 2024”. Attached are the public records responsive to the request. Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Gieg, Esquire
Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP
313 West High Street, STE 209 | Ebensburg, PA | 15931
(o) 814.478.2220

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1798, AS AMENDED

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM R. BOYLE

ORDINANCE NO. 1706

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES AND PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL FEE FOR UNMETERED FIRE HYDRANTS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of DuBois, in Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §162 be amended to read as follows:

§162. Water Rates. The water rates in the City of DuBois shall be applied as set forth below:

For the first 9,000 gallons per quarter	\$5.15 per thousand gallons
For the next 291,000 gallons per quarter	\$3.30 per thousand gallons
For the next 300,000 gallons per quarter	\$2.43 per thousand gallons

SECTION 2. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §164 be amended to read as follows:

§164. Minimum Quarterly Charges. Minimum quarterly charges based on the size of the meter shall be applied as set forth below:

5/8 – 3/4 inch meter	\$ 10.30 per quarter
1 inch meter	\$ 13.74 per quarter
1-1/2 inch meter	\$ 34.34 per quarter
2 inch meter	\$ 71.65 per quarter
3 inch meter	\$155.25 per quarter
4 inch meter	\$269.65 per quarter
6 inch meter	\$346.65 per quarter
8 inch meter	\$544.65 per quarter

SECTION 3. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §171 shall be amended to read as follows:

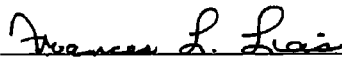
§171. Charges for Fire Protection

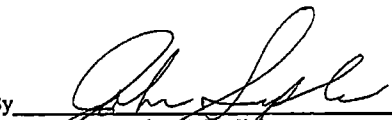
The charge for fire protection service shall be \$184.37, per hydrant, per year.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective retroactive to September 1, 2006, and the water, rates, minimum rates and fire hydrant fee shall be effective on that date and continue in effect until altered or changed by ordinance.

SECTION 5. All other parts of Chapter 26 not in conflict herewith are reaffirmed. All parts of Chapter 26 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:


City Secretary

By 
John H. Suplizio
Mayor and President of Council

PASSED BY COUNCIL: 9/25/2006

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1826, AS AMENDED

INTRODUCED BY DIANE L. BERNARDOORDINANCE NO. 1733**AN ORDINANCE**

AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES; ELIMINATE MINIMUM QUARTERLY CHARGES; INCREASE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR UNMETERED FIRE HYDRANTS AND IMPOSE A SURCHARGE FOR THE RECOVERY OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON DEBT INCURRED TO FINANCE WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of DuBois, in Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §162 is hereby revised to read as follows:

§162. Water Rates. The water rates imposed by the City of DuBois shall be billed on a monthly basis at the following rates:

<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Rates per 1,000 Gallons</u>
For up to 100,000 gallons	\$ 6.00
Any usage of 100,001 gallons and above	\$ 3.00

SECTION 2. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §163 of the Code of Ordinances setting forth the formula for determination of the average daily consumption is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §164 of the Code of Ordinances imposing Minimum Quarterly Charges is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 4. That the following language shall be adopted as the new §163 of Chapter 26, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances:

§163. Imposition of surcharge to recover principal and interest on debt incurred for specific water construction projects.

A monthly surcharge to recover the cost of principal and interest payable on the debt incurred by the City of DuBois for water construction projects shall be imposed on each monthly bill based on the size of the meter as follows:

5/8 – 3/4 inch meter	\$ 8.00
1 inch meter	\$ 12.00
1.5 inch meter	\$ 35.00
2 inch meter	\$ 55.00
3 inch meter	\$ 90.00
4 inch meter	\$175.00
6 inch meter	\$225.00
8 inch meter	\$300.00

SECTION 5. That the following language shall be adopted as the new §164 of Chapter 26, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances:

§164. Furnishings of and expense of meters within the corporate boundaries of the City of DuBois.

All applicants or consumers shall furnish the meter or meters and

meter accessories and bear all expense for making the tap and work incidental thereto and shall pay the costs of all future maintenance, repair or replacement of the meter, meters or meter accessories.

SECTION 6. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §170 shall be amended to read as follows:

§170. Furnishing of and expense of meters outside of the City's corporate limits.

All applicants or consumers shall furnish the meter or meters and meter accessories and bear all expense for making the tap and work incidental thereto and shall pay the costs of all future maintenance, repair or replacement of the meter, meters or meter accessories. The type of meter to be used shall be the same as those used within the City limits.

SECTION 7. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §171 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

§171. Charges for fire protection

1. Whenever water is used on any metered premises for fire protection in an actual case of conflagration, no charge will be made for the same, and the amount so used shall be ascertained by comparison with the previous average use shown by the meter.
2. The charge for unmetered fire protection service shall be \$200.00 per hydrant per year on all hydrants served by the Water System of the City of DuBois.

SECTION 8. Nothing herein shall alter, change, amend or otherwise affect any other sections of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, and all other provisions of Chapter 26, not in conflict herewith, are hereby reaffirmed and re-ratified as if set forth at length herein.

SECTION 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are herewith repealed.

SECTION 10. It is hereby declared to be the intention of City Council that the parts, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the judgment or decree of P.U.C. or any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining parts, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final passage and the rates enacted herein shall be imposed on all bills due for months beginning after December 31, 2008, and shall continue in effect until altered or changed by ordinance unless a different date for the time when said rates can be imposed shall be declared by the Public Utility Commission in which case that date will be the date when the rates enacted herein shall be imposed.

ATTEST:

Francis L. Lias
City Secretary

By John F. Suplizio
John F. Suplizio
Mayor and President of City Council

PASSED BY COUNCIL:
11/10/08

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1891

INTRODUCED BY: Diane Bernardo

ORDINANCE NO. 1789

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS OUTSIDE OF ITS CORPORATE LIMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR MONTHLY COLLECTION OF THE SAME AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL FEE FOR UNMETERED FIRE HYDRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATE SCHEDULE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of DuBois, In Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 26 is hereby amended by the addition of the following section as Part 2 thereof entitled "Water Rates Under the Jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

§201. Water Rates for Customers Under the Jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission: The water rates imposed by the City of DuBois on customers outside of the corporate boundaries of the City of DuBois shall be billed as follows:

<u>Consumption in Gallons</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
For the first	100,000	300,000	\$5.15
For all usage over	100,000	300,000	\$3.77

SECTION 2. That Chapter 26 is hereby amended by the addition to Part 2 of the following:

§202. Minimum Customer Charges: The minimum monthly charges based on the size of the meter shall be as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>	<u>Per Meter Per Quarter</u>
5/8 - ¾ inch	\$ 6.00	\$ 18.00
1 inch	\$ 9.00	\$ 27.00
1 ½ inch	\$ 26.00	\$ 78.00
2 inch	\$ 41.00	\$123.00
3 inch	\$ 67.00	\$201.00
4 inch	\$131.00	\$393.00
6 inch	\$168.00	\$504.00
8 inch	\$225.00	\$675.00

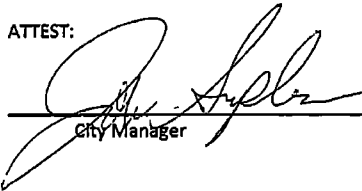
SECTION 3. That Chapter 26, Part 2 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended by the addition of the following:

§203. Charges for Unmetered Fire Protection. The charge for unmetered fire protection service shall be \$184.37 per hydrant, per year.

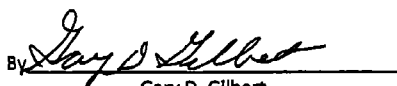
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2014, and the water rates, minimum rates and fire hydrant fee shall be effective on that date and continue in effect until altered or changed by ordinance as authorized by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

SECTION 5. All other parts of Chapter 26 not in conflict herewith are reaffirmed and re-ratified as if set forth at length herein. All parts of Chapter 26 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:

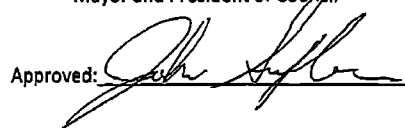


 City Manager

By 

 Gary D. Gilbert
 Mayor and President of Council

PASSED BY COUNCIL: 12/19/13

Approved: 

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1938

INTRODUCED BY: Jim Aughenbaugh

ORDINANCE NO. 1839

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 26, PART 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES AND INCREASE THE SURCHARGE FOR THE RECOVERY OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON DEBT INCURRED TO FINANCE WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of DuBois, in Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 26, Part 1, §162 is hereby revised to read as follows:

§162. Water Rates. The water rates imposed by the City of DuBois shall be billed on a monthly basis at the following rates:

<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Rates per 1,000 Gallons</u>
For up to 100,000 gallons	\$ 7.00
Any usage of 100,001 gallons and above	\$ 4.00

SECTION 2. That §163 of Chapter 26, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

§163. Imposition of surcharge to recover principal and interest on debt incurred for specific water construction projects.

A monthly surcharge to recover the cost of principal and interest payable on the debt incurred by the City of DuBois for water construction projects shall be imposed on each monthly bill based on the size of the meter as follows:

5/8 – 3/4 inch meter	\$ 10.00
1 inch meter	\$ 15.00
1.5 inch meter	\$ 44.00
2 inch meter	\$ 69.00
3 inch meter	\$113.00
4 inch meter	\$219.00
6 inch meter	\$282.00
8 inch meter	\$375.00

SECTION 3. Nothing herein shall alter, change, amend or otherwise affect any other sections of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances, and all other provisions of Chapter 26, not in conflict herewith, are hereby reaffirmed and re-ratified as if set forth at length herein.

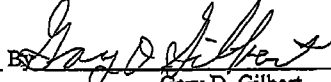
SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are herewith repealed.

SECTION 5. It is hereby declared to be the intention of City Council that the parts, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the judgment or decree of P.U.C. or any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining parts, sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final passage and the rates enacted herein shall be imposed on all bills due for months beginning after April 30, 2019, and shall continue in effect until altered or changed by ordinance unless a different date for the time when said rates can be imposed shall be declared by the Public Utility Commission in which case that date will be the date when the rates enacted herein shall be imposed.

ATTEST:


City Secretary

By 
Gary D. Gilbert
Mayor and President of City Council

PASSED BY COUNCIL:

4/8/2019

COUNCIL BILL NO. 1949

INTRODUCED BY: EDWARD WALSH

ORDINANCE NO. 1849

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 440 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of DuBois, in Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 440 is hereby amended by the modification of the following §440-62:

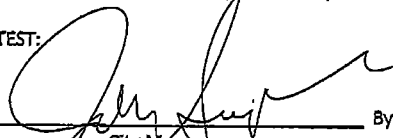
§440-62. Water Rates.

<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
for up to 100,000 gallons	\$8.50
any usage of 100,001 gallons and above	\$5.00

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective with the first billing cycle after adoption.

SECTION 3. All other parts of Chapter 440 not in conflict herewith are reaffirmed and re-ratified as if set forth at length herein. All parts of Chapter 440 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

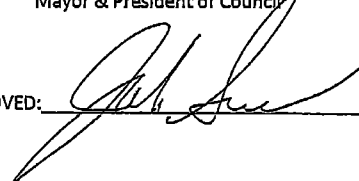
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 _____ By _____
 City Manager Edward L. Walsh
 Mayor & President of Council

PASSED BY COUNCIL:

9/14/20

APPROVED:



COUNCIL BILL NO. 1988

INTRODUCED BY: Jennifer Jackson

ORDINANCE NO. 1885

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 440 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of DuBois, in Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 440 is hereby amended by the modification of the following §440-62:

§440-62. Water Rates.

<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
for up to 100,000 gallons	\$10.50
any usage of 100,001 gallons and above	\$5.00


SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective with the first billing cycle after adoption.

SECTION 3. All other parts of Chapter 440 not in conflict herewith are reaffirmed and re-ratified as if set forth at length herein. All parts of Chapter 440 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:



City Manager

By  _____
Patrick Reasinger
Mayor & President of Council

PASSED BY COUNCIL:

12/23/2024

APPROVED:  _____