

Ordinance 82

An Ordinance Concerning Rates
for Water and Sewer Services

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Leonardtown, Maryland, currently owns, operates and maintains a water production and distribution system and a wastewater treatment and collection system for the benefit of the Town's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, due to inflation, cost of living increases and other factors, it has been established that the costs to the Town to operate these systems increases every year; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Town Council has to increase rates to cover these increased costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the users of these utility services are better served if there is a minimal rate increase each year instead of a large increase every several years; and

WHEREAS, after a financial study of this issue it has been determined that an annual rate of 2% is sufficient to cover the annual increases required to operate and maintain these utility systems;

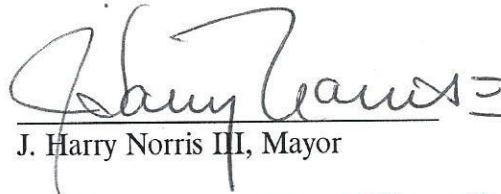
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, on this 14th day of April, 1997, that, beginning July 1, 1997, rates for water and sewer services shall be increased 2% each fiscal year; and

BE IT ALSO ORDAINED AND ENACTED that this rate of increase of 2% shall not be changed unless by ordinance and unless a financial analysis of the rates is performed prior to any change in this rate of increase being adopted and, that said financial analysis shall justify whatever changes are made to this rate of increase.

ATTEST:



Robert O. Guyther
Town Administrator



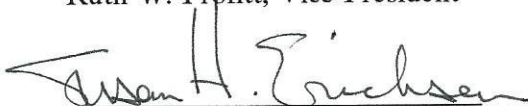
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