

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE WATER WORKS OF SAID TOWN AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport, Indiana ("Town") has heretofore constructed and has in operation its municipal water works for the collection, treatment and distribution of water under the provisions of the Indiana Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town previously adopted Ordinance No. 2007-3 and Ordinance No. 2019-5 (collectively, "Rate Ordinance") establishing the water rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the water works of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused a rate study to be completed by the firm of Bakertilly Municipal Advisors, Indianapolis, Indiana, in connection with the proposed construction of additions and improvements to its water works system; and

WHEREAS, based upon such rate study, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges established by the Rate Ordinance are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its water works plant, service its bonds and finance additions and improvements to its water works system and should be increased as indicated herein in two (2) phases: Phase 1 (Effective upon passage of this ordinance) and Phase 2 (Effective October 1, 2021);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, INDIANA:

Section 1 Phase 1.

	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>
a) Consumption per Month	
First 2,500 gallons	\$12.98
Next 2,500 gallons	\$12.05
Next 5,000 gallons	\$10.18
Over 10,000 gallons	\$ 7.43
b) <u>Minimum Charges per Month</u>	

Each user shall pay a minimum monthly charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	2,500	\$ 32.45
3/4 inch	5,230	\$ 64.92
1 inch	12,200	\$129.82
1 1/4 inch	20,945	\$194.80
1 1/2 inch	29,696	\$259.81
2 inch	38,445	\$324.82
3 inch	64,695	\$519.86
4 inch	82,195	\$649.88
6 inch	169,685	\$1,299.93

c) <u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>
Hydrant Rental, each	\$0.00
d) <u>Private Fire Protection</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>
	\$928.30

Automatic sprinkler charge:
Size of connection

1 inch	\$25.79
1 1/4 inch	\$40.30
1 1/2 inch	\$58.04
2 inch	\$103.16
3 inch	\$232.08
4 inch	\$412.60

6 inch \$928.30

Section 2 Phase II (Effective October 1, 2021)

e) Consumption per Month	
First 2,500 gallons	\$15.32
Next 2,500 gallons	\$14.22
Next 5,000 gallons	\$12.01
Over 10,000 gallons	\$ 8.77

f) Minimum Chares per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum monthly charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	2,500	\$ 38.30
3/4 inch	5,230	\$ 76.61
1 inch	12,200	\$153.19
1 1/4 inch	20,945	\$229.89
1 1/2 inch	29,696	\$306.63
2 inch	38,445	\$383.36
3 inch	64,695	\$613.58
4 inch	82,195	\$767.05
6 inch	169,685	\$1,534.34

g) Public Fire Protection Per Annum

Hydrant Rental, each \$0.00

h) Private Fire Protection Per Annum

\$1,095.39

Automatic sprinkler charge:
Size of connection

1 inch	\$32.24
1 1/4 inch	\$47.55
1 1/2 inch	\$68.49
2 inch	\$121.73
3 inch	\$273.85
4 inch	\$486.87

6 inch

\$1,095.39

i) Tapping Fees

Each user, in advance of the time they are connected with the waterworks system, shall pay a charge to cover the costs of tapping the main, furnishing laying service pipe, corporation and stop cocks, service and meter box and installing meter.

The charge for a 5/8 or 3/4 inch meter tap shall be \$1,600.00. The charge for a tap larger than the 3/4 inch meter shall be the cost of labor, equipment and materials, but not less than \$1,600.00.

j) Service Charge: \$20.00

k) Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users such as contractors, etc., shall be charged on the basis of the metered gallon rates herein before set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

l) Turn-On Fee

After any water service is discontinued to any property serviced by the water utility, for any reason, whether at the request of the consumer or because of failure to pay sewer or water bills, there shall be imposed a fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00. Ord. 2017-6) for turning on the water service. As fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00. Ord. 2017-6) shall be charged for turning on the water service after normal working hours or on weekends.

m) Collection and Deferred Payment Charges

All bills for water services not paid within Twenty (20) days from the due date thereof, as stated on such bills, shall be subject to the collection of deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess of \$3.00.

n) Bad Check Charge

A fee of \$27.50 shall be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds.

o) Customer Deposits

A deposit of \$100.00 is required for water service for renters and all homeowners. The deposit shall be either refunded or applied to outstanding bills for all renters or homeowners upon termination of service.

Section 2

a) The rates herein established shall become effective beginning on September
14th, 2020.

ADOPTED AND PASSED, by the Council of the Town of Westport, IN, this

14th Day of August _____, 2020.

Harry Pray III

Joyce Brudley

John C. Dymmit

Council Members

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk-Treasurer

Dated: 9/14/2020