ORDINANCE NO. 2000- 2

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, INDIANA FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID TOWN, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1986-9

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has in operation sewage works for the purpose of collecting and disposing of the sewage of the town in a sanitary manner;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-9-23-25, it is necessary to establish a new schedule of rates and charges in order to produce sufficient revenue to pay all expenses incidental to the operation of the sewage works, to provide a sinking fund, adequate money for working capital, and adequate money for improving and replacing the sewer works;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Town Council of the Town of Westport, Indiana:

Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1986-9 is amended as follows:

For the use of and the services rendered by the sewage works, rates and charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with the Town sewage system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sewage system of the Town of Westport. Such rates and charges include user charges, debt service costs, excessive strength surcharges and other service charges, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

(a) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read monthly and the users shall be billed monthly (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined as follows:

All Users

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User	Debt	
<u>Charge</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 2.12	\$ 1.88	\$ 4.00

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2) Base Rate - as follows:

<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>			
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5/8-3/4" water meter	\$ 7.59	\$ 0.84	\$ 8.43
1" water meter	9.51	2.13	11.64
1¼" water meter	11.44	1.43	12.87
1½" water meter	13.75	4.89	18.64
2" water meter	19.16	8.41	27.57
3" water meter	35.87	19.41	55.28
4" water meter	57.73	33.70	91.43
6" water meter	123.30	76.70	200.00

(b) For users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined as an average of single family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). The schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

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Residential: Single family residence/unit	\$17.14	\$ 9.26	\$26.40

Unmetered non "Residential Single Family Dwelling Units" shall be charged a rate to be determined by the Town on an individual basis by applying the above metered rates to estimated usage and meter size.

- (c) For the service rendered to the Town of Westport said Town shall be subject to the same rates and charges hereinabove provided, or to charges and rates established in harmony therewith.
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Adopted this 10 day of

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