

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3

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WHEREAS, the Town Council of Westport, Indiana has determined that the existing rates and charges for the use of water supplied by the waterworks of said town to properly operate its waterworks plant, provide for depreciation, maintenance, and to finance needed extensions and additions to the waterworks system are inadequate and that the existing rates and charges should therefore be increased;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the present rate schedule of the waterworks be increased in order to charge its customers reasonable and just rates and charges for services;

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained as follows:

Section 1.

a)	<u>Consumption per Month</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>
	First 2,500 gallons	\$8.30
	Next 2,500 gallons	7.71
	Next 5,000 gallons	6.51
	Over 10,000 gallons	4.75

b) Minimum Charges 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 meter	2,500	\$ 20.75
3/4 inch meter	5,230	41.52
1 inch meter	12,200	83.03
1 1/4 inch meter	20,945	124.56
1 1/2 inch meter	29,695	166.13
2 inch meter	38,445	207.69
3 inch meter	64,695	332.38
4 inch meter	82,195	415.50
6 inch meter	169,685	831.08

c)	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>
	Hydrant rental, each	\$594.11

d)	<u>Private Fire Protection</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>
	Hydrant rental, each	\$594.11
	Automatic sprinkler charge:	
	<u>Size of Connection</u>	
	1 inch connection	\$ 16.50
	1 ¼ inch connection	25.79
	1 ½ inch connection	37.14
	2 inch connection	66.02
	3 inch connection	148.53
	4 inch connection	264.06
	6 inch connection	594.11

e) Tapping Fees

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

The charge for a 5/8 or ¾ inch meter tap shall be \$400.00. The charge for a tap larger than the ¾ inch meter tap will be the cost of labor, equipment and materials, but not less than \$400.00.

f) Temporary Users

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

g) 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 Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for turning on the water service.

h) 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 or deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess over \$3.00.

i) Bad Check Charge

A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds.

j) Customer Deposits

A deposit of \$80.00 is required for water service for renters and homes purchased on contract. The deposit will be returned to those purchasing on contract after three years service. The deposit will be either returned or applied to outstanding bills for all renters upon termination of service.

Section 2. Effective Date

The rates provided in this ordinance shall be in effect beginning on ~~May~~ <sup>JUNE</sup> 21, 2002.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

WESTPORT TOWN COUNCIL

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