

TOWN OF WESTPORT INDIANA
WESTPORT WATER CO.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE REDACTS ORDINANCE 92-1 AND IS BEING ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 12, 2018 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A FAIR AND CONSISTENT POLICY REGARDING WATER LEAKS AND UNEXPLAINED LOSSES OCCURRING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT AND OTHER PROPERTY SERVED BY THE WESTPORT WATER COMPANY.

IN THE EVENT THAT AN ADJUSTMENT IN A WATER AND SEWER BILL IS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING POLICY WILL BE FOLLOWED:

No adjustment will be given unless the loss exceeds two thousand (2000) gallons.

The amount of usage will be assumed to be two-thousand gallons in excess of the average usage in the previous six month period. The water and sewer bill will be adjusted to the amount that would have been charged for such usage.

The two-thousand gallon charge in excess of normal usage must be maintained in order to insure that leaks on private property are promptly repaired and a proper search made for unexplained water losses. Only one adjustment may be made per meter within a twelve month period.

An exception to the (12) twelve month time limit may be granted only under the following conditions.

1. A meter which has been found to be faulty.
2. An underground leak external to the structure which could not have been reasonably detected.
3. The water superintendent must be asked to verify the leak and that it has been properly repaired. Approval of adjustments in this category must have a majority consent of the Town Council.
4. Any other special circumstance that a customer would present before the Town Council and also must require majority consent of the Town Council.

In the event that a water user feels that their water meter is faulty, the meter will be checked by the water superintendent. If the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the user and they insist that the meter be removed, it will be checked by an independent source. In the event that the meter is found to be faulty, the cost of

removal and checking will be borne by the Town of Westport. In the event that the meter is found to be accurate, the cost of removal and checking will be borne by the user.

The cost of the removal will be two (2) hours at (\$25.00) twenty five dollars per hour plus cost of checking the meter. A copy of checking charges will be provided to the user.

ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

WESTPORT TOWN COUNCIL



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