

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-02-1

AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING NEW MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF REYNOLDS, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Reynolds, Indiana, (the "Town") has constructed and acquired, and does now own and operate, a municipal waterworks utility for the treatment and distribution of water to the residents of the Town (the "Waterworks"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has been previously removed itself from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval of its rates and charges with respect to the Waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town has previously approved and adopted a schedule of monthly rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the Waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town now determines that the monthly rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the Waterworks should be revised to produce sufficient income to maintain the Waterworks in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and sufficient service; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town now determines that proper notice has been duly given as required by Indiana Code § 8-1.5-3, as amended, and that a public hearing on the proposed revised schedule of monthly rates and charges was held on the 10th day of January, 2022.

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

Section 1: The monthly rates and charges for the use of the Waterworks of the Town shall be as follows:

Metered Rates Per 100 Gallons Per Month:

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| a. | Inside Town Limits | Outside Town Limits |
| | \$10.47 | \$13.09 |
| b. | Base Monthly Charge | |

Each user shall pay a base monthly charge in accordance with the following applicable size meter installed.

Size of Meter	Inside Town Limits	Outside Town Limits
5/8" – 3/4"	\$18.60	\$23.27
1"	\$22.33	\$27.91
2"	\$35.65	\$44.57
3"	\$52.85	\$66.07
4"	\$77.30	\$96.63

*Charges to users outside the corporate limits of the Town are 125% of the Town rates.

c. Hydrant Rental – Per Annum

Public or private hydrant rental – per hydrant	\$273.05
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d. Disconnection

There shall be a \$75.00 charge for disconnecting water service as provided in section f herein.

e. Tap Charge

A tap charge shall be collected from each customer prior to connection to the water system. This charge shall be \$2000.00 for a 5/8" – 3/4" connection. For larger size connections, the charge shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the Town for the labor, material, and overhead necessary for the tapping of the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including the curb stop), and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. In no event shall the charges for such connection be less than \$2000.00.

f. Billing

Use of water service as above shall be charged and collected each month. All water bills shall be rendered as of the first day of the month following the month of which charges are made; and shall be due and payable upon receipt. A late fee of five percent (5%) shall be charged if full payments not received by the fifteenth (15th) of the month in which said water bills are rendered and each month thereafter until paid in full. If payment has not been made in full, within forty-five (45) days of rendering, water service shall be disconnected without notice.

g. Regular Rate Increase

There shall be a minimum one percent (1%) increase annually. The Town Council shall have the ability to vote to set aside by the Town Board if no increase is needed for the year.

h. Snowbirds

Persons on extended vacations (snowbirds) can choose to have their water shut off for the months that they are not residing in their homes. There will be a \$25.00 fee for this service and a minimum bill will still apply to the property in order to maintain the water lines.

Section 2. The prior Ordinance and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are here by repealed.

Section 3. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this ordinance should be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality, and enforce ability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance and the rates and charges set forth herein, shall be effective from and after the first full billing cycle commencing after the adoption date of this Ordinance.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2024.

TOWN COUNCIL,
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