

Ordinance No. 2023-09-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR THE USE OF THE WATER SYSTEM  
AND RELATED SERVICES OF THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT

WHEREAS, Indiana code 8-1.5-8 requires that the Town of Wolcott, on behalf of its utility, establish rates and charges which will produce an income sufficient to maintain the utility property on sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient services; and

WHEREAS, said Code section requires that 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 water system. Such rates and charges shall produce sufficient revenue to (1) pay all legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including: (A) maintenance costs; (B) operating charges; (C) upkeep; (D) repairs (E) depreciation; and (F) interest charges on bonds or other obligations; including leases; (2) provide a sinking fund of liquidation of bonds or other obligations, including leases; (3) provide a debt service reserve for bonds or other obligations, including leases, in an amount established by the municipality, not to exceed the maximum annual debt service on the bonds or obligations or the maximum annual lease rentals; (4) provide adequate money for working capital; (5) provide adequate money for making extensions and replacement to the extent not provided for through depreciation in subdivision (1); and (6) provide money for the payment of any taxes that may be assessed against the utility.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Wolcott ("Town") has previously adopted Ordinance No. 2009-03, (collectively, "Ordinance") establishing the water rates and charges for the use and services rendered by water works of the town, and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges established by the 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

WHEREAS, the Town Council has caused a rate study to be completed by the firm of Baer-Tilley and Associates, Indianapolis, Indiana and based upon such rate study, the Town Council of the Town finds that certain rates and charges contained in the Ordinance should be increased;

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

Section 1. The rates establish in Exhibit A of the Ordinance are hereby amended by an increase of 63% in four (4) phases, respectively, effective: A) January 1, 2024 (Exhibit A)- 15.75% increase January 1, 2024 (Exhibit B) 15.75% increase January 1, 2025 (Exhibit C) 15.75% increase January 1, 2026 (Exhibit D) 15.75% increase January 1, 2026 restated as follows:

(See attached hereto and made a rate hereof)

YEAR	2024
PERCENTAGE	15.75
PERCENTAGE TOTAL	3.64

2023 MINIMUM	23.08
2024 MINIMUM	26.72
YEAR	2025
PERCENTAGE	15.75
PERCENTAGE TOTAL	4.21
2024 MINIMUM	26.72
2025 MINIMUM	30.93
YEAR	2026
PERCENTAGE	15.75
PERCENTAGE TOTAL	4.87
2025 MINIMUM	30.93
2026 MINIMUM	35.8
YEAR	2027
PERCENTAGE	15.75
PERCENTAGE TOTAL	5.64
2026 MINIMUM	35.8
2027 MINIMUM	41.04

Ordinance No. 2023-9-5 Wolcott Municipal Utilities-Water Service

**EXHIBIT A**  
(INCREASE 15.75%)

**EXHIBIT B**  
(INCREASE 15.75%)

**EXHIBIT C**  
(INCREASE 15.75%)

Meter Rates per Month Metered Sales: (per 1,000 gal)	Charge per Month	Meter Rates per Month Metered Sales: (per 1,000 gal)	Charge Per Month	Meter Rates per Month Metered sales (per 1,000 gal)	Charge per Month
First 2,000 gallons	\$ 11.22	First 2,000 gallons	\$ 11.89	First 2,000 gallons	\$ 12.61
Next 6,000 gallons	9.60	Next 6,000 gallons	10.17	Next 6,000 gallons	10.79
Next 12,000 gallons	8.00	Next 12,000 gallons	8.47	Next 12,000 gallons	8.98
Next 30,000 gallons	6.37	Next 30,000 gallons	6.75	Next 30,000 gallons	7.15
Next 50,000 gallons	4.03	Next 50,000 gallons	4.27	Next 50,000 gallons	4.53
Over 100,000 gallons	2.89	Next 100,000 gallons	3.07	Next 100,000 gallons	3.25

Minimum Charges: Water Meter Sizes	Charge Per Month	Minimum Charges: Water Meter Sizes	Charge Per Month	Minimum Charges: Water Meter Sizes	Charge Per Month
5/8"-3/4"	2,000 \$ 22.43	5/8"-3/4"	2,000 \$ 23.78	5/8"-3/4"	2,000 \$ 25.21
1"	3,000 41.51	1"	3,000 43.99	1"	3,000 46.62
1 ¼"	6,000 61.64	1 ¼"	6,000 65.34	1 ¼"	6,000 69.26
1 ½"	7,000 78.46	1 ½"	7,000 83.17	1 ½"	7,000 88.16
2"	9,900 95.25	2"	9,900 100.97	2"	9,900 107.02
3"	20,000 179.31	3"	20,000 190.06	3"	20,000 201.46
4"	39,000 302.58	4"	39,000 207.84	4"	39,000 339.98
6"	70,000 448.30	6"	70,000 410.54	6"	70,000 503.71

Fire Protection Charges Per Annum	Fire Protection Charges Per Annum	Fire Protection Charges Per Annum
Public Hydrants	\$ 879.70	Public Hydrants \$879.70
Private Hydrants	879.70	Private Hydrants 879.70
<u>Sprinkler System</u> Per connection	879.70	<u>Sprinkler System</u> Per Connection 879.70

**EXHIBIT D**  
(INCREASE 15.75%)



Customer Meter Deposit      Home Owner      \$150.00                      Rental      \$200.00

Non-Recurring Charges

Forfeited Discounts (Penalties)    A penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be assessed if not paid before or by the close of business day of the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of each month.

Water charge for Out of Town Usage

Water which is purchased from the Wolcott Municipal Water Utility and will be used for out-of-town usage will be charged two times the 2" meter rate for gallonage used. 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.

Insufficient Funds

A check issued in payment to the Wolcott Municipal Water Utility for any reason and returned to the Wolcott Municipal Water Utility for any reason such as insufficient funds shall be charged to the customer at a rate of \$25.00 per incident.

Shut off Service

Service shut-off for non-payment will be assessed a \$50.00 charge for service turn on, provided all delinquent bills and charges owed by the customer have been paid in full. A payment schedule for arrearage may be arranged with the permission of the Town Council. Should the Council grant a payment extension beyond the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$50 late fee will be assessed without regard to whether services are disconnected.

Charge to be Paid for all Water Service Rendered

No water service will be furnished to any customer without charge.

Section 2. All other provisions of all other rates and charges established by the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. The Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on September 5,2023

Pass and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wolcott, Indiana on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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ATTEST:

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Pamela Bennett, Clerk-Treasurer

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