

Ordinance No. 2011-02

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

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Section 8-1.5-3-8 requires that the Town of Wolcott (“Town”) on behalf of its utility establish rates and charges which will produce an income sufficient to maintain the utility property in sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; 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 sewage system. Such rates and charges shall produce sufficient revenue to: (1) pay all the 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 for 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 replacements 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 has previously adopted Ordinance No. 2007-02 (collectively, “Ordinance”) establishing the sewer rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the sewage 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 sewage works plant, service its bonds and finance additions and improvements to its sewage works system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town has employed H. J. Umbaugh & Associates, a certified public accounting company, to study the financial status of the town's utilities, to complete financial studies and report upon the propriety and amount of Availability Fee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town wishes to establish an Availability Fee from new users of the Town's Sewage system equal to the net investment of existing users in the Sewage system to render adequate and efficient service;

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

Section 1. The following rates are hereby amended and restated as follows:

Metered Rates

Based on Monthly Water Usage

Treatment Rate  
Treatment Rate Per 1000 Gallons \$ 7.18

Base Charge (in addition to treatment rate)

Per Month

Water Meter Size

5/8	inch meters	\$17.25
3/4	inch meters	23.81
1	inch meters	41.07
1 ¼	inch meters	64.72
1 ½	inch meters	93.44
2	inch meters	159.81
3	inch meters	365.75
4	inch meters	650.71
6	inch meters	1,458.53

CONNECTION OR TAP-ON CHARGES [1]

5/8	inch meters	\$1,221.00	[1]
3/4	inch meters	[1]	
1	inch meters	[1]	
1 ¼	inch meters	[1]	
1 ½	inch meters	[1]	
2	inch meters	[1]	
3	inch meters	[1]	
4	inch meters	[1]	

[1] All connection charges will be made at the actual cost of making the connection – at a minimum of \$1,221.00.

Section 2. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid parts or parts.

Section 3. All other provision of all other rates and charges established by the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wolcott, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

**TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF WOLCOTT, INDIANA**

Aye

Nay

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Jon H. Evans, Council Vice President

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ATTEST:

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Linda S. Bajzatt, Clerk-Treasurer