

**CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-40**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE
OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND
SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS
OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA AND
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Huntingburg, in its capacity as the Utility Board for the management of the municipally owned utilities, now determines, based upon the accounting study performed by O.W. Krohn & Associates, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, dated October 24, 2022, that the existing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the municipal waterworks system of said City are too low and insufficient to enable the utility to produce revenue sufficient to maintain such utility property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; that increased revenues will improve the service rendered by said waterworks system and make the same of greater value to the City, its inhabitants and the patrons of said waterworks system, and that the existing schedule of rates and charges should be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Huntingburg now determines that the rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the municipally owned waterworks utility should be sufficient to pay all legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility; to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of existing indebtedness; to provide adequate money for working capital; to provide money for making extensions, replacements and capital improvements to the utility; to provide money for the payment of taxes that may be assessed against the utility, including taxes that would otherwise be due to the City on the utility property were it privately owned; and to provide a reasonable return on the utility plant of the municipality.

WHEREAS, the City's Utility Rate Advisory Board and the Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg, recommend that the Common Council of the City of Huntingburg, Indiana adopt a new schedule of rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the municipally owned waterworks utilities as hereinafter set out.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Huntingburg, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. There shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Huntingburg, the following rates and charges:

(1) Monthly Service Charge:

Each metered customer shall pay a monthly service charge based on the size of the meter installed and whether the service location is inside or outside the municipal corporate limits as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Monthly Service Charges</u>	
		<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City*</u>
5/8 to 3/4	Inch Meter	\$ 16.23	\$ 20.29
1	Inch Meter	32.46	40.57
1 1/2	Inch Meter	65.67	82.09
2	Inch Meter	120.26	150.32
3	Inch Meter	229.43	286.78
4	Inch Meter	655.81	819.76
6	Inch Meter	1,311.59	1,639.49
8	Inch Meter	2,186.46	2,733.09

(2) Metered Rates:

Each metered customer shall pay a monthly charge based upon the quantity of water supplied by the waterworks as metered and whether the service location is inside or outside the municipal corporate limits in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Metered Quantity</u>		<u>Monthly Charge Per 100 Cu. Ft.</u>	
		<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City*</u>
First	5,000 cubic feet	\$ 6.3049	\$ 7.7481
Next	20,000 cubic feet	5.9772	7.3383
Next	975,000 cubic feet	5.4308	6.6553
Next	1,500,000 cubic feet	5.4308	5.4308
Over	2,500,000 cubic feet	3.8950	3.8950

(3) Water Cost Tracking Factor:

Each metered customer shall pay a Water Cost Tracking Charge based on the quantity of water supplied monthly to reflect increases in the wholesale cost of purchase water, as adopted from time to time, as follows:

	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
Monthly Charge per 100 cubic feet	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

(4) *Large Rural User Exemption:

Large retail users located outside the municipal corporate limits whose monthly usage exceeds one million cubic feet per month, shall pay the same monthly service charge, monthly metered rates, and water cost tracking factor charge as retail users located inside the corporate limits for their respective meter size and metered usage.

(5) Public Fire Protection:

There shall be a monthly public fire protection charge for every customer situated within the corporate limits of the City based on the size of each customer service meter serving one or more structures, as follows:

Meter Size

5/8	Inch Meter	\$	2.16
3/4	Inch Meter		3.06
1	Inch Meter		5.53
1 1/2	Inch Meter		12.34
2	Inch Meter		21.98
3	Inch Meter		49.37
4	Inch Meter		87.90
6	Inch Meter		197.49
8	Inch Meter		351.59

(6) Private Fire Protection Service:

For each Direct Fire Connection, defined as a direct and independent physical connection to the public water distribution system solely for the explicit purpose of providing and maintaining water for fire suppression needs in an emergency, a monthly charge based on the size of the pipe at the connection point to the distribution main and the twenty-four (24) hour proportional, unrestricted flow capacity available, according to the following schedule:

Connection Size

Monthly Rate
(Inside/Outside City)

2	Inch Meter	\$	13.27
3	Inch Meter		30.98
4	Inch Meter		57.54
6	Inch Meter		122.45
8	Inch Meter		218.36
10	Inch Meter		345.24
12	Inch Meter		494.25

(7) Water Service Connection Fees:

There shall be a charge for each meter service connection including the cost of excavation, physical connection, a maximum of fifty (50) feet of service line from the main to the meter, the meter pit, meter, cover, fittings, valves, appurtenances, tools, equipment, labor, backfill and closure in accordance with the following schedule, payable at the time of application for water service:

Connection Charge

5/8 to 3/4 Inch Meter	\$ 1,500.00
1 Inch Meter	1,800.00
1 1/2 Inch Meter	5,000.00
2 Inch Meter	6,000.00
3 Inch and Larger Meter	At Cost

For service lines in excess of fifty (50) feet from the main to the meter, there shall be an additional charge equal to the actual cost of material, and the established rate for municipal labor and equipment usage for the installation of the service line in excess of fifty (50) feet.

Service lines of 4 inch or larger may, at the customer's request and subject to the approval of the water superintendent upon submittal of proper plans, specifications and permits that conform to local, state, and American Water Works Association rules and standards, be installed wholly or in part by an approved, licensed contractor under the water utility's inspection. If the water utility installs the connection, the service connection fee for service lines of 4 inch or larger shall be equal to the water utility's actual cost of the connection including excavation, physical connection, service line from main to meter, meter pit/valve, cover, meter, fittings, valves, appurtenances, backfill, closure, and the established rate for municipal labor and equipment usage.

(8) Reconnection Charge:

There shall be a charge for reconnection of service following its disconnection for reason of nonpayment, in the sum of Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$28.00) during usual business hours, and in the sum of Seventy-Six Dollars (\$76.00) after hours, on weekends or holidays, for each such reconnection.

There shall be a charge for reconnection of service following its disconnection at the request of a customer, in the sum of Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$28.00) during usual business hours, and in the sum of Seventy-Six Dollars (\$76.00) after hours, on weekends or holidays, for each such reconnection.

(9) Temporary or Transient Users:

Water furnished to temporary and/or transient users such as contractors, circuses, and other city departments, etc. shall be metered and charged on the basis of the current monthly metered rates. Any such use must be approved and inspected by the water superintendent in advance, prior to using any water. A fire hydrant meter from the water utility must be secured and used at all times while taking water. If a meter is not available, quantified "load counts" may be taken with the prior approval of the water utility. In any event, the user assumes all liability for loss, theft, damage, repair, or replacement of, or to, the meter, hydrant, or distribution system as a result of any negligent or improper operation. Except as indicated for this category, water will not be estimated.

(10) Rates for Resale:

Water supplied for resale shall be pursuant to a written contract setting forth the terms and conditions for service. Subject to the terms of existing wholesale water purchase contracts, there shall be imposed the monthly service charges based upon the size of each meter installed, and the monthly metered rates for water supplied at each metered connection in accordance with the foregoing schedules set forth herein.

(11) Bulk Water Sales:

For bulk sale of treated water at the treatment plant, delivered into customer's equipment:

Service fee per fill	\$ 25.00
Plus	
Rate per 100 gallons purchased	\$ 0.8492*

*Subject to the Water Cost Tracking Factor to recover the increases in the wholesale cost of purchased water as adopted from time to time.

(12) Collection or Deferred Payment Charge:

All bills for water services not paid for a period of more than fifteen (15) days following the mailing of the bill shall be a delinquent bill, and shall be subject to a collection or deferred payment charge of Ten Percent (10%) on the first Three Dollars (\$3.00) and Three Percent (3%) on the excess over Three Dollars (\$3.00).

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor; provided, however, that the schedule of rates

and charges herein set out shall become effective for all bills rendered on and after February 1, 2023.


PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, THIS 13 DAY OF December, 2022, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Nay	Aye		Abstain	Absent
—	✓	Glen E. Kissling	—	—
—	—	Jeffrey L. Bounds	—	✓
—	✓	Stephen C. McPherron	—	—
—	✓	Jose Dubon	—	—
—	✓	Timothy W. Wehr	—	—
TOTAL:	<u>4</u>			<u>1</u>

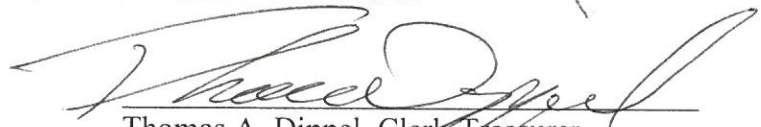
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA


Steven Schwinghamer, Presiding Officer


ATTEST:


Thomas A. Dippel, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me, the undersigned Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Huntingburg, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 13 day of December, 2022.


Thomas A. Dippel, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me, the undersigned Mayor of said City on the 13 day of December 2022, at 5:50 o'clock P.M.


Steven Schwinghamer, Mayor