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**CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA
ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 08**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-36 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22 ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE
OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS UTILITY
OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the current schedule of rates and charges for use of and services rendered by the municipally owned natural gas utility were established by Ordinance No. 2013-36 adopted December 12, 2013, as amended by Ordinance No. 2022-22 adopted June 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Utility Rate Advisory Board, and the Utility Board and Common Council of the City of Huntingburg an accounting report and rate study prepared by O. W. Krohn & Associates, CPA, dated January 28, 2025 as revised by revisions dated March 14, 2025, presenting the revenues and revenue requirements of the natural gas utility for the test year ending May 31, 2024, as adjusted for known and measurable adjustments (the "Report"); and

WHEREAS, based upon said Report, the Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg and the Utility Rate Advisory Board of the City of Huntingburg have determined that the existing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the municipal natural gas utility are too low and insufficient to enable the City to produce revenue sufficient to maintain the natural gas utility works in a sound physical and financial condition necessary to render adequate and efficient service; that increased revenues will improve the service rendered by said utility and make the same of greater value to the City, its inhabitants, and the patrons served thereby, 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 natural gas utility should be sufficient to pay the legal and other necessary expenses incidental to the operation of the utility; provide adequate money for working capital; provide adequate money for improving and replacing the utility; and provide a reasonable return on the utility plant in service; and

WHEREAS, said Report of O. W. Krohn & Associates, CPA, recommends rates and charges sufficient to meet said requirements of the natural gas utility; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Rate Advisory Board has recommended to the Utility Board and the Common Council that the rates be increased to meet the revenue requirements of said utility; and

WHEREAS, after due notice, the Common Council has conducted a public hearing on proposed adjustments to the schedule of rates and charges for use of and services rendered by the municipally owned natural gas utility as recommended by said Report.

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

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 2013-36 as amended by Ordinance No. 2022-22 establishing a schedule of rates and charges for natural gas services rendered by the municipal natural gas utility of the City of Huntingburg be, and the same is hereby amended to provide for the following schedule of rates:

<u>RESIDENTIAL, MUNICIPAL:</u>	<u>BASE RATES</u>
Monthly Service Charge	\$ 12.50
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF*	\$ 7.26*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter):	
Residential	\$ 8.33
Municipal	\$ 8.33
 <u>COMMERCIAL:</u>	
Monthly Service Charge:	
Multi-Dwelling Complex Per Unit	\$ 12.50
All Other Commercial	\$ 25.00
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF*	\$ 7.26*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter):	
Multi-Dwelling Complex Per Unit	\$ 5.00
All Other Commercial	\$ 5.00
 <u>SMALL FIRM INDUSTRIAL:</u>	
(Total Monthly Consumption does not exceed 100,000 C.F.)	
Monthly Service Charge	\$ 233.20
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF*	\$ 7.26*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$ 5.00

LARGE FIRM INDUSTRIAL:

Monthly Service Charge	\$ 249.90
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF*	\$ 6.67*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$ 5.00

INTERRUPTIVE:

Monthly Service Charge	\$ 249.90
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF*	\$ 6.47*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$ 5.00

CITY INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION:

Monthly Service Charge	\$ 249.90
Monthly Transportation Charge per MCF	\$ 3.00
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$ 5.00

*All monthly metered volume rates are subject to Gas Cost Adjustment Factor in Appendix "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

CONNECTION FEE (CITY AND RURAL):

Residential:

There shall be a connection fee for new residential customers in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which shall include one hundred (100) feet of service line from the main with all necessary fittings, valves, meter and regulator.

There shall be an additional charge of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per lineal foot of three-quarter (3/4) inch service line required in excess of one hundred (100) feet from the main.

Commercial, Municipal, Small Firm Industrial:

There shall be a connection fee for rural commercial customers in an amount equal to the actual cost of installation and materials, including pipe, fittings, valves, meter and regulator, and in no event shall such connection fee be less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Large Firm Industrial, Interruptible, Industrial Transportation:

There shall be a connection fee for large city firm industrial customers requiring a one and one-quarter (1 1/4) inch or larger service line in an amount equal to the actual cost of installation and materials, including pipe, fittings, valves, meter and regulator, and in no event shall such connection fee be less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

RE-CONNECTION CHARGE (ALL CUSTOMERS):

If service under this schedule is discontinued due to the non-payment of a bill for natural gas service rendered a re-connect charge of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be

levied for restoration of service during usual business hours, and One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) for re-connections on weekends, holidays and after hours.

PAYMENT (ALL CUSTOMERS):

Each bill for natural gas service under this schedule is due and payable upon the date it is rendered. Bills not paid for a period of more than fourteen (14) days following the date the bill is rendered 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. Ordinance No. 2013-36 and Ordinance 2022-22 are hereby further amended by replacing the gas cost adjustment tracking formula attached as Appendix “A” with the gas cost adjustment tracking formula attached hereto and made a part hereof as Appendix “A”.

Section 3. All of the terms and provisions of Ordinance No. 2001-43 establishing the terms and character of service of the various customer classifications not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, approval by the Mayor, and publication as required by law for bills rendered for the first full consumption period following adoption.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG,
INDIANA, THIS 22 DAY OF April, 2025, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	Nay	Aye		Abstain	Absent
	—	<u>✓</u>	Glen E. Kissling	—	—
	—	<u>✓</u>	Jeffrey L. Bounds	—	—
	—	<u>✓</u>	Stephen C. McPherron	—	—
	—	<u>✓</u>	Pamela M. Bolte	—	—
	—	—	Timothy W. Wehr	—	<u>✓</u>
TOTAL:	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>1</u>

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

By: M. Neil Elkins
M. Neil Elkins, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Dippel
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 22 day of April, 2025.

Thomas A. Dippel
Thomas A. Dippel, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me, the undersigned Mayor of said City on the 22 day of April, 2025, at 6:20 o'clock p.M.

M. Neil Elkins
M. Neil Elkins, Mayor

HUNTINGBURG MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF GAS RATES AND CHARGES

Gas Cost Adjustment Factor:

The Gas Cost Adjustment for the following rates shall be on the basis of a rate tracking factor, or GCA, occasioned solely by changes in the cost of purchased gas.

Rate Classes - All Rates

Applicable to metered usage after:

December, 2013

Applicable to billing periods after:

January, 2014

Based on Average Monthly Delivered **Base Cost of Gas / Mcf** **\$4.00**
 Gas Cost per Mcf as referenced below.

<u>Average Delivered Gas Cost per Mcf</u>				<u>Applicable GCA</u>
				<u>Tracking Factor</u>
Base Rate Cost of Gas to	\$	2.00	to \$ 2.25	\$ (1.7748)
	\$	2.25	to \$ 2.50	\$ (1.5213)
	\$	2.50	to \$ 2.75	\$ (1.2677)
	\$	2.75	to \$ 3.00	\$ (1.0142)
	\$	3.00	to \$ 3.25	\$ (0.7606)
	\$	3.25	to \$ 3.50	\$ (0.5071)
	\$	3.50	to \$ 3.75	\$ (0.2535)
	\$	3.75	to \$ 4.00	\$ -
	\$	4.00	to \$ 4.25	\$ 0.2535
	\$	4.25	to \$ 4.50	\$ 0.5071
	\$	4.50	to \$ 4.75	\$ 0.7606
	\$	4.75	to \$ 5.00	\$ 1.0142
	\$	5.00	to \$ 5.25	\$ 1.2677
	\$	5.25	to \$ 5.50	\$ 1.5213
	\$	5.50	to \$ 5.75	\$ 1.7748
	\$	5.75	to \$ 6.00	\$ 2.0284
	\$	6.00	to \$ 6.25	\$ 2.2819
	\$	6.25	to \$ 6.50	\$ 2.5355
	\$	6.50	to \$ 6.75	\$ 2.7890
	\$	6.75	to \$ 7.00	\$ 3.0426
	\$	7.00	to \$ 7.25	\$ 3.2961
	\$	7.25	to \$ 7.50	\$ 3.5497
	\$	7.50	to \$ 7.75	\$ 3.8032
	\$	7.75	to \$ 8.00	\$ 4.0568
	\$	8.00	to \$ 8.25	\$ 4.3103
	\$	8.25	to \$ 8.50	\$ 4.5639
	\$	8.50	to \$ 8.75	\$ 4.8174
	\$	8.75	to \$ 9.00	\$ 5.0710
	\$	9.00	to \$ 9.25	\$ 5.3245
	\$	9.25	to \$ 9.50	\$ 5.5781
	\$	9.50	to \$ 9.75	\$ 5.8316
	\$	9.75	to \$ 10.00	\$ 6.0852
	\$	10.00	to \$ 10.25	\$ 6.3387

The current base cost of gas was approved by the Huntingburg Common Council in Ordinance No. 2013-36, Dated December 12, 2013. This base cost of gas remained unchanged with the adoption of a new Rate Ordinance in 2025.

APPENDIX A