

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-6
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICE RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Garrett owns and operates a waterworks system for said City for the purpose of providing a sufficient supply of water at a proper quality and pressure to the inhabitants of the City, and properly protecting the health, well being and property of said City and its inhabitants, and

WHEREAS, Financial Solutions Group, Inc., financial consultants to the City, have prepared a financial study, including a five-year Capital Improvements Plan, of the municipal waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the study indicates that rates and charges are insufficient to meet the reasonable financial requirements of the utility and that water rates and charges should be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Garrett now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of services rendered by the waterworks system of said City are too low and are insufficient to pay the necessary expenses incident to the operation of said waterworks, including maintenance costs, operation charges, upkeep, repair, depreciation, interest charges on obligations of the waterworks, provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of indebtedness, and to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital and funds to make extensions and replacements, to make payments in lieu of taxes, and to provide a reasonable return on the waterworks which the Common Council elects to provide, and that accordingly, such existing rates and charges do not produce income sufficient to maintain the waterworks properly in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service, all as provided in Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, INDIANA, THAT:

51.17 MONTHLY WATER USAGE - BLOCK RATES

This schedule sets forth the rates and charges for the water supplied by the waterworks system to the City. The following block rates (subject to the monthly minimum provided below) apply to metered water usage on a monthly basis.

Gallons of Water	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
First 3,000	\$4.53
Next 7,000	\$4.00
Next 15,000	\$3.45
Next 25,000	\$2.89
Next 50,000	\$2.36
Over 100,000	\$1.81

51.18 MONTHLY WATER USAGE - MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

The monthly minimum charge per meter shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (Inches)	Minimum Gallons Allowed	Minimum Monthly Rates
5/8-3/4	3,000	\$ 13.60
1	6,500	\$ 27.60
1- 1 1/4	11,200	\$ 45.73
1- 1 1/2	15,600	\$ 60.92
2	24,400	\$ 91.28
3	40,000	\$ 136.73
4	50,600	\$ 167.06
6	92,700	\$ 266.26

Section III. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.19 shall read as follows:

51.19 ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT AND FIRE PROTECTION

The charge for fire protection water service obtained through a private hydrant is \$680.59 per hydrant per annum.

Section IV. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.21 shall be amended as follows:

51.21 RECONNECTION CHARGE

- (A) **Disconnect** - Whenever water service is disconnected, for any reason what the customer shall be charged and shall pay a \$50.00 disconnect fee.
- (B) **Reconnect** - Any customer reconnecting following a disconnect, for any whatsoever, shall be charged and pay a \$50.00 reconnect fee.
- (C) **Customer Disconnect Request** - Whenever service is disconnected at a location point at the request of the customer, the customer shall be charge pay a service fee of \$100.00 to disconnect and subsequently reconnect the for the first request in a calendar year. The customer shall be charged an pay a service fee of \$200.00 for such disconnect and reconnect at the service location for all subsequent requests in the same calendar year.
- (D) **Disconnect / Reconnect Defined** – Service is considered disconnected and therefore subject to reconnection upon either of the following events:
- The customer’s failure to pay all amounts due the City by the deadlines as stated in the past due utility bill from the City.
 - Actual disconnection where the water service to the customer is terminated at the curb box or at such other point as deemed appropriate by the City; or
 - The customer’s failure to pay all amounts due the City by the deadlines as stated in the past due utility bill from the City.

Section V. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.23 shall be amended as follows:

51.23 TAP/CONNECTION CHARGE

- (A) A tap/connection charge shall be collected from each customer, prior to connection to the water system, in an amount sufficient to reimburse the city for the labor and material necessary for tapping and connecting to the main and installation of service from the main to the curb stop and the cost of furnishing and installing a water meter, which water meter shall be furnished and installed by the City.
- (B) The charge for a 5/8 inch to 3/4 inch installation shall be in the amount of \$750.00 plus the cost of the meter. The charge for a one-inch or larger installation shall be the labor and material costs incurred, including the cost of the meter, but in no event shall said charge be less than \$750.00 plus the cost of the meter.

Section VI. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.24 shall be amended as follows:

51.24 INSTALLATION FEE FOR REMOTE WATER METER

At the time this ordinance is being considered and adopted, the water utility is undertaking a meter change out program where all of the water meters used in connection with the water utility are being changed out at the expense of the City without any cost to the customer. Thereafter, should it be necessary to install a remote reading device, the premises or property on which the remote meter device is installed shall be charged and shall pay an installation fee equal to the cost to the City to purchase the remote reading device, which fee will be payable in full by the customer at the time of installation or shall be payable over a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of installation, should the customer so select that payment mode.

Section VII. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.29 shall be amended as follows:

51.29 DEPOSITS

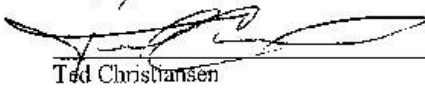
No application or consumer shall be hereafter connected for service by the Water Utility or entitled to receive water from the utility until such applicant or consumer shall apply at the utility office for such service, pay all delinquencies, if any, standing against such consumer, wheresoever incurred, and shall make a deposit with such utility in the amount of \$100.00.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Garrett, Indiana, on the

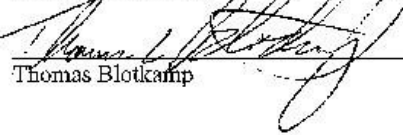
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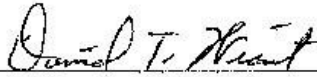

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Presented to me this 17 day of JUNE, 2008, 7:50 o'clock A.M./P.M.,
and I hereby approved this Ordinance this 17 day of JUNE, 2008.



David T. Wiant, Mayor
City of Garrett, Indiana

ATTEST:


Jennie E. DePaolo, Clerk-Treasurer