

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF GARRETT, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF GARRETT AND REPEALING THOSE ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City of Garrett, Indiana (the "City"), owns and operates a sewage works by and through its Board of Public Works (the "Board") for the collection and treatment of sewage and other wastes (the "Sewage Works"), pursuant to the provisions of Indiana Code 36-9-23, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates and charges to be charged to and collected from the owners of property served by the Sewage Works are established by ordinance adopted by the Common Council of the City (the "Common Council"), the current rates and charges are established by Ordinance No. 2017-12; and

WHEREAS, Financial Solutions Group, Inc., financial consultants to the City, have prepared a Wastewater Rate Consultants Report, which includes a study of cash flow and financial capacity to meet on going revenue requirements for operation, maintenance, and debt service as well as to improve the sewage works which review also included the Capital Improvement Projects as shown on Exhibit "L" on the Report; and

WHEREAS, the Report indicates that based upon the cash flow and financial capacity to meet on going revenue requirements including operation, maintenance, and proposed Capital Improvements, the rates and charges need to be increased to provide revenue sufficient for the on going revenue requirements and the proposed Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to follow the recommendation of Financial Solutions Inc., and in order to provide revenue to provide sufficient to fund the proposed Capital Improvement Plan and to continue to provide sufficient cash flow for the utility, the Common Council finds that the existing rates and charges should be raised by two percent (2%) to accomplish the goal of the Board of Works and the Waste Water Utility.

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

Section 1. That Section 54.47(B), (C), (D) are hereby amended as follows:

- (B) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, except as herein otherwise provided. Water meters will be read once each month, and sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of the rates and charges shall be determined shall be as follows:

(1) User Class I through V.

QUANTITY OF WATER USED PER MONTH BY ALL USER CLASSES (GALLONS)	TOTAL RATE
Residential	
First 3,000	\$ 15.61
Over 3,000	\$ 13.58
Commercial and Institutional	
First 3,000	\$ 15.61
Next 7,000	\$ 13.58
Next 15,000	\$ 11.56
Next 25,000	\$ 9.65
Over 50,000	\$ 7.55
Governmental and Industrial	
First 3,000	\$ 15.61
Next 7,000	\$ 13.58
Next 15,000	\$ 11.56
Next 25,000	\$ 9.65
Next 50,000	\$ 7.55
Over 100,000	\$ 6.32

(C) The minimum charge for any service where the use is a metered consumer shall be based on the size of such water meter and shall be as follows:

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE		
METER SIZE (IN INCHES)	GALLONS ALLOWED	TOTAL
5/8 - 3/4	3,000	\$ 46.82
1	5,671	\$ 83.08
1 ¼	9,297	\$ 132.28
1 ½	13,084	\$ 183.72
2	19,001	\$ 264.06

3	28,362	\$ 391.14
4	37,743	\$ 518.48
6	53,608	\$ 733.86
Provided, however, that the minimum charge shall be based on a meter size of not more than one size smaller than the service line in which the meter is installed.		

(D) Other charges shall be as follows:

OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL
Unmetered Users	
Per single family equivalent	\$ 73.95
Extra Units Charge	
Per additional unit per month	\$ 14.09
Excessive Strength Surcharge	
Suspended Solids (in excess of 250 mg/1) (per pound)	\$ 0.25
BOD (in excess of 200 mg/1) (per pound)	\$ 0.24
Phosphorus (in excess of 10 mg/1) (per pound)	\$ 2.49

Section 2. Section 54.53 **SEWER CONNECTION FEES** were last adjusted pursuant to Ordinance No. 2017-12, adopted November 12, 2017 and no adjustment is needed to the connection fees but they are again set forth here for convenience purposes:

- (A) The fee or charge that shall be paid to the City for the right to connect to any City sanitary sewer shall be as follows:
 - (1) Residential in City Limits (per each dwelling; multiple-dwelling units shall pay a fee equal to the connection fee times each separately numbered unit for postal services); \$1,750.00, with a maximum connection fee in connection with a multiple dwelling residential unit of \$7,000.00.
 - (2) Non-residential in City Limits: \$1,750.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU).
 - (3) Residential outside City Limits (per each dwelling; multiple dwelling units shall pay a fee equal to the connection fee times each separately numbered unit per postal services): \$1,750.00 with a maximum connection fee in connection with a multiple dwelling residential unit of \$7,000.00
 - (4) Non-residential outside City Limits: \$1,750 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU).
- (B) **EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS (EDU)** shall mean the average wastewater flow, estimated or metered of 310 gallons per day. All EDU calculations shall be rounded to the next highest integer. All single-family

residential customers shall be deemed to be one EDU.

- Section 4. The Common Council shall review and adjust the rates and charges on an annual basis. The Clerk-Treasurer is directed to cause a rate consultant's report to be prepared and submitted annually to the Common Council. This report shall be based on the most recent year end data and submitted to the Common Council on or before May 1st of each year.
- Section 5. That pursuant to IC 36-9-23-26, a public hearing shall be scheduled and held on the 6 day of November, 2018, following the introduction of this ordinance but before it is finally adopted.
- Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.



Tom Kleeman



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Presented to me this 6 day of November, 2018, at 7:03 o'clock A.M./P.M., and I hereby approved this Resolution this 6 day of November, 2018.



Todd A. Fiandt, Mayor
City of Garrett, Indiana

ATTEST:



Marcie L. Conkle, Clerk-Treasurer