

ORDINANCE 2015-04

An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Waterworks System of the Town of Hope

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Hope has heretofore adopted Ordinance Nos. 94-10, 98-02, 99-03, 2001-03, and 2005-03, establishing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Hope, such rates and charges being approved by the Town Council of the Town of Hope; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope has caused a financial study of the Hope municipal waterworks to be made by O.W. Krohn & Associates, LLP, Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, the study indicates that the rates and charges are not sufficient to meet the reasonable financial requirements of the utility and the water rates and charges should be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks of said Town are too low and are insufficient to enable the Town to operate its waterworks plant properly, provide for depreciation, finance outstanding and proposed waterworks revenue bonds, and to provide for capital improvements and additions, and have therefore determined that the existing rates and charges should be amended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Hope, Indiana, the Town's schedule of water rates shall be amended as presented in Appendix A.

SECTION 1.

The monthly metered rates and charges are displayed in Appendix A. Said monthly rates include a multi-tiered volume charge that is subject to a minimum monthly charge, based upon the area ratio of the meter size serving the various classes of customers. Fire protection charges for private hydrants and automatic sprinkler systems are also included. In addition, the metered usage charges shall be subject to a wholesale water cost tracking factor (WCTF) occasioned solely by changes in the cost of purchasing water for resale from the Town's wholesale water provider. The initial wholesale water cost adjustment tracking factor amounts to \$0.00 per 1,000 gallons. Said WCTF shall be amended from time to time whenever the Town's wholesale water provider amends their wholesale rate to the Town. The WCTF will be based upon the total increase in the cost of purchased water, adjusted for the cost of water line losses and Utility Receipts Taxes.

See 'Appendix A' for complete Tariff Sheet, including the combined Base Rates with current WCTF

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Connection Charge

Each user, at the time they are connected with the waterworks system, shall pay a connection charge to cover the cost of connection to the main, furnishing and laying service pipe; corporate and stop cocks, service and meter box, and installing the meter as identified in Appendix A.

Customer Deposit

An initial customer deposit of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) shall be charged to each customer before service is initially connected. Said deposit shall be returned to the customer when customer has terminated water service provided all charges due and owing from the customer are paid. Otherwise, the deposit shall be used to offset any charges due and owing by the customer.

Collections and Deferred Payment Charge

All bills for water services not paid within Fifteen (15) days from the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to the collection or deferred payment charge of ten percent (10%) on the first \$3.00 and three percent (3%) on the excess over \$3.00.

Re-Connection Fee

A reconnection fee shall be charged as identified in Appendix A.

Returned Check Charge

A returned check charge will be charged to the customer as identified in Appendix A for any returned checks. Not including any other collection costs to which the utility is entitled by operation of law.

SECTION 2.

The interim water rates & charges shall become effective upon passage. The final rates & charges will become effective in the month that the Town closes its financing with the Indiana State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.

SECTION 3.

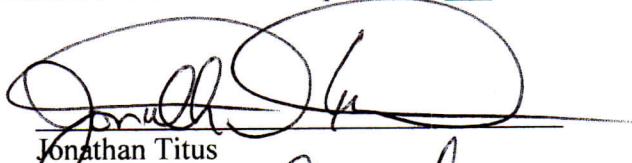
All of the other sections of Ordinance No's. 94-10, 98-02, 99-03, 2001-03 and 2005-03 not otherwise amended by this ordinance shall not be affected by this ordinance and shall remain in full force and effect.

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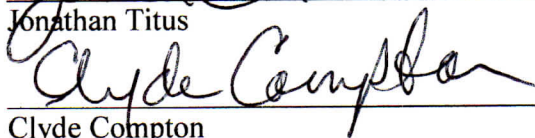
SECTION 4.

Excluding the ordinance provisions set forth in Section 3, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict wherewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its date of passage.

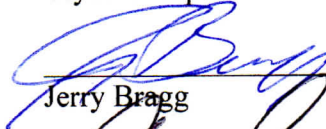
Passed and adopted by vote of the Town Council of the Town of Hope on the 21st of Sept, 2015.



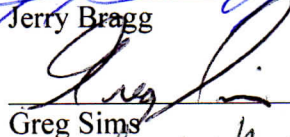
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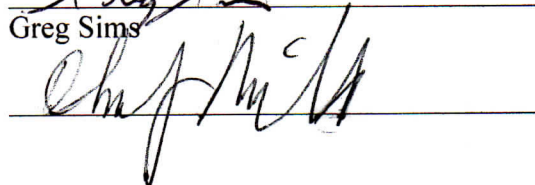
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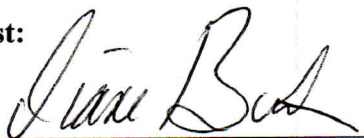
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Attest:



Diane Burton, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Hope, Indiana

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APPENDIX A

RECURRING MONTHLY CHARGES:

METERED RATES PER MONTH (1)		RATES PER 1,000 GALLONS	
		INTERIM RATES	FINAL WITH OCRA GRANT
		PHASE 1	PHASE 2
FIRST	5,000 GALLONS	\$ 11.25	\$ 14.46
NEXT	10,000 GALLONS	9.86	12.67
NEXT	20,000 GALLONS	8.48	10.90
OVER	35,000 GALLONS	7.09	9.11

(1) **WATER COST TRACKING FACTOR (WCTF).** The metered rates and charges shall be subject to a wholesale Water Cost Tracking Factor (WCTF) occasioned solely by changes in the cost of purchasing water for resale from the Town's wholesale water provider. The initial wholesale water cost adjustment tracking factor amounts to \$0.000 per 1,000 gallons. Said WCTF shall be amended from time to time whenever the Town's wholesale water provider amends their wholesale rate to the Town. The WCTF will be based upon the total increase in the cost of purchased water, adjusted for the cost of water line losses and Utility Receipts Taxes. The base cost of water imbedded in these water rates and charges amounts to \$1.633 per 1,000 gallons (\$1,960.00 / Mo., plus \$1.34 / 1,000 gallons).

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

		MINIMUM GALLONS	INTERIM PHASE 1	FINAL PHASE 2
WATER METER SIZE:				
5/8 INCH METER	2,500		\$ 28.14	\$ 36.16
3/4 INCH METER	2,500		28.14	36.16
1 INCH METER	5,000		56.26	72.30
1 1/4 INCH METER	10,000		105.55	135.66
1 1/2 INCH METER	15,000		154.84	199.01
2 INCH METER	30,000		282.08	362.55
3 INCH METER	57,500		484.02	622.10

FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL

	INTERIM PHASE 1	FINAL PHASE 2
PRIVATE HYDRANTS - PER HYDRANT	\$ 461.54	\$ 593.20
PUBLIC HYDRANTS - PER HYDRANT	Exempt from Charges	

FIRE PROTECTION - AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

	INTERIM PHASE 1	FINAL PHASE 2
1 INCH CONNECTION	\$ 12.87	\$ 16.54
1 1/4 INCH CONNECTION	20.02	25.73
1 1/2 INCH CONNECTION	28.79	37.01
2 INCH CONNECTION	51.26	65.89
3 INCH CONNECTION	115.39	148.31
4 INCH CONNECTION	205.03	263.52
6 INCH CONNECTION	461.54	593.20

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NON-RECURRING CHARGES:

CONNECTION OR TAP-ON FEE (1)

CURRENT

5/8 TO 3/4 INCH METER
DOUBLE TAP

\$ 1,000.00
\$ 1,500.00

LARGE METERS

Time & Material
but not less than

RECONNECTION/DISCONNECTION CHARGE (1)

DURING WORKING HOURS
AFTER WORKING HOURS

\$ 25.00
\$ 40.00

BAD CHECK CHARGE (1)

\$ 25.00