

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE
OF WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES
OF THE TOWN OF HOPE, INDIANA**

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the sewage works of the Town of Hope, Indiana (“Town”) are hereby notified that at the April 18, 2023 meeting of the Town Council of the Town (“Council”), the Council introduced a proposed increase in rates and charges for the Town’s sewage works system. The Council will hold its public hearing on June 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. (local time) in the Town Hall, 404 Jackson Street, Hope, Indiana, 47246, to receive public input on the proposed Rate Ordinance authorizing the rate increase (“Ordinance”) and will consider adoption thereof at such time. For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact Diane Burton, Clerk-Treasurer, at (812) 546-0423. The schedule of fees which are more fully set forth in the Ordinance and will be discussed at the public hearing are as follows:

	Effective Date:	6/1/2023	6/1/2024	6/1/2025	6/1/2026
	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 4
<u>Monthly Metered Charges (per 1,000 gallons):</u>					
All Usage	\$	6.14	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.51	\$ 6.71
<u>Monthly Base Charge:</u>					
5/8 - 3/4 Inch Meter	\$	17.07	\$ 17.58	\$ 18.11	\$ 18.65
1 Inch Meter		29.67	30.56	31.48	32.42
1 1/4 Inch Meter		42.26	43.53	44.84	46.19
1 1/2 Inch Meter		57.31	59.03	60.80	62.62
2 Inch Meter		92.63	95.41	98.27	101.22
3 Inch Meter		201.63	207.68	213.91	220.33
4 Inch Meter		344.11	354.43	365.06	376.01
6 Inch Meter		771.55	794.70	818.54	843.10
<u>Unmetered Treatment Rate:</u>					
Monthly Flat Rate	\$	47.56	\$ 48.99	\$ 50.46	\$ 51.97
<u>Excessive Strength Surcharges (per pound):</u>					
BOD	\$	0.16	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.18
Suspended Solids		0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18
<u>Non-Recurring Charges - Effective Phase 1</u> 6/1/2023					
<u>Connection or Tap-On Fee:</u>					
5/8 to 3/4 Inch Meter				\$1,500 or actual cost, whichever is greater	
Large Meters				Actual cost of connection	
<u>Collections and Deferred Payment Charge:</u> 10% of unpaid balance after 15 days past due date					
<u>Customer Deposit:</u> \$ 75.00					
<u>Returned Check Charge:</u> \$ 25.00					

At the June 20, 2023, meeting of the Council and prior to final adoption of the Ordinance, any property owners, ratepayers or anyone else interested in the proceedings may appear and be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The hearing may be adjourned if necessary. A complete copy of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, Town Hall, 404 Jackson Street, Hope, Indiana, 47246 and at the hearing.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2023.

TOWN OF HOPE, INDIANA

/s/ Diane Burton, Clerk-Treasurer