

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

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in or served to be served by the waterworks 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 waterworks 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
<u>Monthly Metered Charges (per 1,000 gallons)*:</u>					
First	5,000 Gallons	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.48	\$ 16.97	\$ 17.48
Next	10,000 Gallons	14.24	14.67	15.11	15.56
Next	20,000 Gallons	12.49	12.86	13.25	13.65
Over	35,000 Gallons	10.73	11.05	11.38	11.72
 <u>Monthly Minimum Charge*:</u>					
	<u>Gallons</u>				
5/8 Inch Meter	2,500	\$ 40.00	\$ 41.20	\$ 42.43	\$ 43.70
3/4 Inch Meter	2,500	40.00	41.20	42.43	43.70
1 Inch Meter	5,000	80.00	82.40	84.85	87.40
1 1/4 Inch Meter	10,000	151.20	155.75	160.40	165.20
1 1/2 Inch Meter	15,000	222.40	229.10	235.95	243.00
2 Inch Meter	30,000	409.75	422.00	434.70	447.75
3 Inch Meter	57,500	713.63	734.93	757.00	779.70
 <u>Hydrant Rental (per Hydrant, per Annum):</u>					
Public/Private Hydrants		\$ 592.20	\$ 609.97	\$ 628.27	\$ 647.12
 <u>Fire Protection - Automatic Sprinkler Systems:</u>					
1 Inch Meter		\$ 16.50	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.51	\$ 18.04
1 1/4 Inch Meter		25.69	26.46	27.25	28.07
1 1/2 Inch Meter		36.94	38.05	39.19	40.37
2 Inch Meter		65.78	67.75	69.78	71.87
3 Inch Meter		148.06	152.50	157.08	161.79
4 Inch Meter		263.08	270.97	279.10	287.47
6 Inch Meter		592.20	609.97	628.27	647.12
 <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				\$2,000 or actual cost, whichever is greater	
Double Tap				\$2,000 or actual cost, whichever is greater	
Large Meters				Actual cost of connection	
 <u>Reconnection/Disconnection Charge:</u>					
During Working Hours				\$ 25.00	
After Working Hours				40.00	
 <u>Bad Check Charge:</u>					
				\$ 25.00	

* Subject to additional wholesale water cost tracking factor / 1,000 gallons to account for increased purchased water expenses.

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