

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO. 06-02-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF SILVER LAKE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver Lake owns and operates a Waterworks System for said Town for the purpose of providing a sufficient supply of water of proper quality, at the proper pressure, to the inhabitants of the Town, and properly protecting the health, well-being, and property of said Town and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has consulted with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC regarding proposed rates and charges in order to meet financial obligations anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the Town's existing rates and charges as approved in Ordinance 04-02-15 on May 13, 2015, are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its Waterworks system, service its Bonds, and finance additions and improvements to its Waterworks system and should be increased;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER LAKE, INDIANA:

Section 1. That there shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the services rendered by the Waterworks System of the Town of Silver Lake, the following rates and charges, based on the use of water supplied by said Waterworks System:

a) Metered Rates Per Month

	Per 1,000 Gallons	
	Phase I*	Phase II*
First 2,000 gallons	\$14.53	\$16.27
Next 4,000 gallons	11.47	12.85
Next 14,000 gallons	8.57	9.60
Over 20,000 gallons	6.07	6.80

b) Minimum Charge

Size of Meter		Minimum Monthly Rate	
		Phase I*	Phase II*
5/8" - 3/4"	meter	\$29.06	\$32.54
1"	meter	42.69	47.81
1-1/2"	meter	59.71	66.88
2"	meter	85.08	95.30
3"	meter	127.82	143.17
4"	meter	255.34	286.03
6"	meter	425.51	476.67

	<u>Phase I*</u>	<u>Phase II*</u>
c) <u>Unmetered Users</u> For each user of the system that does not have a water meter installed, there shall be a monthly charge as follows:	\$52.15	\$58.40
d) <u>Fire Hydrants</u> Private hydrants – per hydrant – per annum	\$1,276.65	\$1,429.85
Surcharge for users receiving service outside Town corporate limits (per monthly bill)	\$7.50	\$8.40
e) <u>Private Fire Protection – Per Annum</u> (Extinguishing Fires Only) Per connection	\$2,127.55	\$2,382.85
f) <u>Public Hydrant Surcharge</u>		

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Phase I*</u>	<u>Phase II*</u>
5/8" – 3/4"	\$6.89	\$7.72
1"	17.21	19.28
1-1/2"	34.38	38.51
2"	55.03	61.63
3"	103.16	115.54
4"	171.98	192.62
6"	343.92	385.19

* Phase I is effective with September 2024 billings. Phase II is effective with September 2025 billings.

g) Tap Charge

There is established a water connection (tap) fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), paid to the Utilities Billing Clerk prior to the connection to the water system.

A cost estimate of tap materials and labor will be delivered to a property owner if the water connection requires special circumstances to connect to the water main. The cost estimate will be above the tap fee charge in order to install and furnish a suitable water connection. Special circumstances include but are not limited to larger meter size, boring under the roadway, extra labor and materials needed to tap into the water main. The cost estimate will include a description of the added cost to the property owner.

The property owner who accepts the cost estimate above the tap fee charge will be billed upon the completion of the connection to the water utility and payment is due fifteen (15) days from the invoice date. Failure to pay the invoice after thirty (30) days from the invoice date will result in the water service being discontinued until payment is received.

h) Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users such as contractors, circuses, etc., shall be charged based on the metered gallon rates hereinbefore set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

i) Turn On/Turn Off Charges

1. Water Leaks -

- i. No charge for emergency turn-off or turn-on call-out service during Water and Wastewater Superintendent regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).
 - ii. No charge for the first and second emergency call-out service outside of regular business hours to any one property address in any six-month period.
 - iii. \$75.00 charge for the third and any subsequent emergency turn-on and/or turn-off calls outside of regular business hours to the same property address within a six-month period.
2. Seasonal Residence - \$25.00 charge for each turn-on and turn-off of a water utility for seasonal residents who are gone from their property for more than two (2) consecutive months in a one-year period. Property Owners who wish to turn off their water utility for the winter months must have water pipes winterized prior to water turn-off.
3. Non-Payment Reconnections - \$75.00 turn-on charge if water utility service is disconnected for non-payment. All utility account charges for the property must be paid in full before the water utility service will be reinstated to the property.

j) Collection and Deferred Payment Charges

All bills for water services not paid by the 20th day of the month of receipt are hereby declared to be delinquent and a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of rates and charges shall thereupon attach thereto.

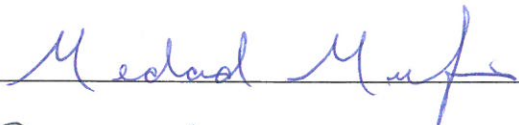
Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided however, that the existing schedule of water rates and charges shall remain in full force and effect until the schedule of rates and charges fixed by this Ordinance shall be approved by the Town Council.

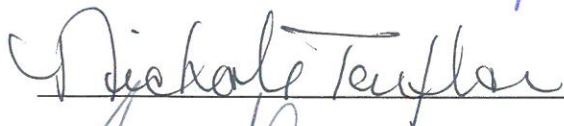
Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and the revised water rates and charges shall take effect for the next practical consumption period following the passage.

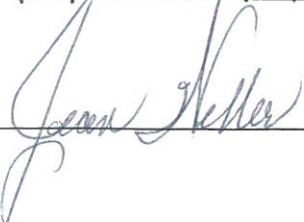
Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Silver Lake on the ____ day of June, 2024.

Town of Silver Lake, Indiana

By: Its Town Council







ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer