

Ordinance 2021- 002

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE INCREASE IN WATER FEES

Whereas, the City of Aurora by the Common Council resolved to hire Patrick Callahan CPA to review its various utility charges.

Whereas Callahan CPA Group. has reviewed the current water utility charges and found that the current water utility charges for do not supports the cost and maintenance of the existing water works infrastructure.

Whereas, the Common Council has discussed the issue of water rates and has resolved to increase the cost of water by thirty six percent (36%) across the board and to eliminate the highest two tiers of charges.

Whereas, the Common Council believes that the specified increase in rates is reasonable and just for the continuance of the water works department.

Whereas, Common Council has reviewed this ordinance and has sent out notices and has held a hearing, pursuant to statute, as to the increase in water rates.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Aurora, Dearborn County, Indiana, that Ordinance §53.15 of the Aurora, Indiana Code of Ordinances shall be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

§ 53.15 SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES.

~~(A) For use of and service rendered by the municipal waterworks system of the city, the following rates and charges:~~

(A) There shall be and are hereby established for the use of the service rendered by the municipal water works of the City, the following rates and charges. The effective date for each se of rates and charges shall be set forth below:

(1) These rates and charges are effective immediately:

Consumption per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons	
	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
First 5,000 gallons	\$3.10	\$3.70
Next 15,000 gallons	2.85	3.40
Next 30,000 gallons	2.40	2.95
Next 50,000 gallons	2.00	2.60
Next 400,000 gallons	1.60	2.25
Next 500,000 gallons	1.05	1.80
Over 1,000,000 gallons	0.90	1.00

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Consumption per Month	Rate per 1,000 Gallons	
	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
First 5,000 gallons	\$4.22	\$5.03
Next 15,000 gallons	3.88	4.62
Next 30,000 gallons	3.26	4.01
Next 50,000 gallons	2.72	3.54
Next 400,000 gallons	2.18	3.06

(B) Minimum Charge. Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out ~~in the above schedule of rates.~~ in the following schedule of rates and charges. The effective date for each set of rates and charges shall be set forth below:

(1) These rates and charges are effective immediately:

Size of Meter	Monthly	
	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
5/8-inch	\$7.20	\$8.60
3/4-inch	10.00	11.70
1-inch	14.30	17.05
1½-inch	24.05	28.70
2-inch	64.25	77.70
3-inch	68.85	105.00
4-inch	95.70	115.52
6-inch	200.65	249.50

(2) The following rates and charges shall be effective August 1, 2021:

Size of Meter	Monthly	
	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits

5/8-inch	\$9.79	11.70
3/4-inch	13.60	15.91
1-inch	19.45	23.19
1½-inch	32.71	39.03
2-inch	87.38	105.67
3-inch	93.64	142.80
4-inch	130.15	157.11
6-inch	272.88	339.32

(C) Private Fire Protection Service. Each user utilizing private fire protection equipment shall be charged for the use of the specified equipment in accordance with the following chart. The effective date for each set of rates and charges shall be set forth below:

(1) These rates are effective immediately:

Private Fire Protection Service (Extinguishing Fires Only)	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
Hydrant rental - per hydrant - per year	\$318.38	\$381.90
Hose Connection (standpipes) - per month		
1½-inch line	12.62	5.27 15.27
2-inch line	17.06	20.48
2½-inch line	19.16	23.03
3-inch line	21.26	21.26 25.51
Sprinklers - per month		
4-inch line	33.99	40.74
6-inch line	50.93	61.22
8-inch line	84.90	101.85
10-inch line	148.56	178.11
12-inch line	212.10	254.72

(2) The following rates and charges shall be effective August 1, 2021:

Private Fire Protection Service (Extinguishing Fires Only)	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
Hydrant rental - per hydrant - per year	\$433.00	\$519.38

Hose Connection (standpipes) - per month		
1½-inch line	17.16	20.59
2-inch line	23.20	27.85
2½-inch line	26.06	31.32
3-inch line	28.91	34.69
Sprinklers – per month		
4-inch line	46.23	55.41
6-inch line	69.26	83.26
8-inch line	115.46	138.52
10-inch line	202.04	242.23
12-inch line	228.46	346.42

(D) Public Fire Protection Rental

Hydrant rental – per hydrant – per year: ~~\$318.38~~ \$433.00

(E) Sale for Resale. The entities described below shall be charged the following rate for water: The effective date for each set of rates and charges shall be set forth below:

(1) This rate and charge is effective immediately:

Town of Dillsboro and Hogan Water Company **Rate Per 1,000 Gallons**

All Consumption Per Month: \$1.88

(2) The following rates and charges shall be effective August 1, 2021:

Town of Dillsboro and Hogan Water Company **Rate Per 1,000 Gallons**

All Consumption Per Month: \$2.56

~~(F) Tap-In Fees.~~

~~(1) Each user at the time he or she is connected with the water works system, shall pay a charge to cover the costs of tapping the main, furnishing and laying service pipe, corporation and stop cocks, service and meter box and installing the meter in an amount in accordance with the following schedule:~~

(F) *Tap-In-Fees.* Each user at the time he or she is connected with the water works system, shall pay a charge to cover the costs of tapping the main, furnishing and laying service pipe, corporation and stop cocks, service and meter box and installing the meter in an amount in accordance with the following schedule. The effective date for each set of rates and charges shall be set forth below:

(1) *These rates are effective immediately:*

Size of Meter	Tap-In Fee
5/8 inch to 3/4 inch	\$300.00-\$1,000.00
For any meter size greater than 5/8 inch to 3/4 inch	An amount equal to the cost of materials and labor, but in no event shall the tap-in fee be less than \$300 \$1,000.00.

(G) *Temporary Users.* Water furnished to temporary users such as contractors, circuses, etc., shall be charged on the basis of the metered gallon rates hereinbefore set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

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

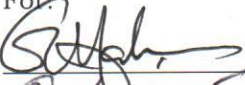
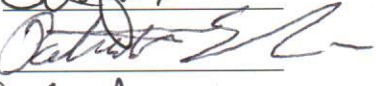
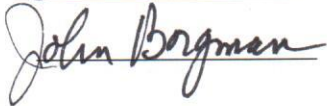

(I) *Reconnection Charge.*

(1) When service is turned off for non-payment of a bill, or whenever for any reason beyond the control of the water utility a re-establishment of service is required ~~by any one customer more often than once in a 12-month period,~~ a charge of ~~\$5~~ \$50 will be made by the water utility to be paid by the customer to cover ~~a part of the cost of discontinuance and re-establishment of service. when such service is re-established during normal working hours. If re-establishment of service is performed after normal working hours, a charge of \$20 will be made by the water utility to be paid by the customer to cover the cost.~~

(J) *Customer Visit to Collect Delinquent Bill.* Whenever the water utility makes a visit to the customer in order to collect a delinquent bill or account, whatever the reason for the delinquency or non-payment, a fee of \$5 will be charged to the customer for each visit made by the utility.

(K) Bad Check Charge. Whenever the water utility has a check returned by the bank for the reason of insufficient funds or for which the check has been returned marked account closed, the water utility shall charge the customer a fee of ~~\$10~~ \$25.00 for each check so returned.

ORDAINED, AMENDED AND PASSED THIS 13th DAY OF April, 2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATUTES BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, INDIANA, UPON THE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

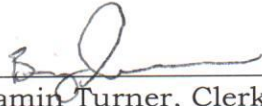
VOTE:	For:	Against:
Terry Hahn		_____
Patrick Schwing		_____
John Borgman		_____
Fred Lester	_____	_____
Joseph Turner		_____

So approved this 13th day of April, 2021.



Mark Drury, Mayor

So adopted by majority vote of the common council, and approved by the mayor, this 13th day of April, 2021.



Benjamin Turner, Clerk Treasurer