

TOWN OF VERNON, INDIANA

WATER RATE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 175

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24, ORDINANCE NO. 64, ORDINANCE NO. 78, ORDINANCE NO. 99, ORDINANCE NO. 126, ORDINANCE NO. 138 AND ORDINANCE NO. 144 ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF VERNON

WHEREAS, the Town Council now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the water system of the Town of Vernon are too low and insufficient to enable the Town to pay for the increased cost of purchased water from its supplier, in addition to operating costs, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL TOWN OF VERNON, JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1: That for the use of and the services rendered by the Town of Vernon Water Utility, rates and charges shall be collected for the use of and services rendered by said water utility from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with or use such works by or through any party of the water utility system of the Town of Vernon, Indiana, or that in any way uses or is served by such works, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

See Attached

Temporary Users – Conduit

water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates herein before set forth as estimated and established by this Waterworks Superintendent.

Temporary Users – Vehicle

Water furnished to temporary users, such as bulk haulers, shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates herein before set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

Fire Service – Per Annum

	<u>Rate Per Hydrant</u>
Municipal Hydrants	\$60.00

Connection Charge

All connections will be Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850.00) payable to the Town and the user will pay the actual cost of labor, materials, power machinery, transportation and overhead incurred for installing the tap.

Each user at the time he is connected with the waterworks system shall pay a charge to cover the costs of: excavating and tapping the main; furnishing and installing service pipe from the main to the lot line; furnishing and installing corporation and stop cocks; and furnishing and installing meter crock (if outside), yoke and meter. The town will install the meters and each meter will be the property of the Town.

Reconnection Charge

Rate Per Reconnection	\$60.00
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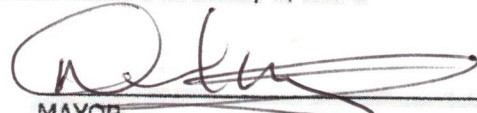
When the service is turned off for nonpayment of bill, or whenever for any reason beyond the control of the water utility, a reestablishment of service is required by any one customer, this charge will be made by the water utility to cover the cost of discontinuance and reestablishment of service. The charge, together with any arrears due the water utility, shall be paid by the customer before service will be reestablished.

Collection and Deferred Payment Charges

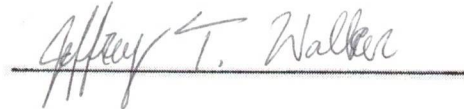
All bills for water services not paid within fifteen days from the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to the collection or deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess over \$3.00.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts or 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 this schedule of rates and charges become effective.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2022.


MAYOR


TOWN COUNCIL:







ATTEST:


CLERK-TREASURER

**TOWN OF VERNON
MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

Schedule of Rates & Charges - Current and Required

Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

<u>Users Within Corporate Limits</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 9.45	\$ 13.03
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 8.99	\$ 12.57
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 8.01	\$ 11.59
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 7.11	\$ 10.69
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 6.61	\$ 10.19
 <u>Users Outside Corporate Limits</u>		
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 12.78	\$ 16.36
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 12.08	\$ 15.66
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 10.72	\$ 14.30
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 9.38	\$ 12.96
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 8.68	\$ 12.26

Minimum Monthly Charges

<u>Users Within Corporate Limits</u>	<u>Customers as of 6/23/21</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
3/4 " Meter or Less	157	\$ 28.35	\$ 39.09
1" Meter	0	\$ 68.93	\$ 95.81
1 1/4" Meter	0	\$ 107.42	\$ 150.41
1 1/2" Meter	0	\$ 150.03	\$ 212.34
2" Meter	5	\$ 239.62	\$ 347.03
3" Meter	0	\$ 507.44	\$ 754.44
4" Meter	0	\$ 864.46	\$ 1,304.70
 <u>Users Outside Corporate Limits</u>			
3/4 " Meter or Less	54	\$ 38.35	\$ 49.08
1" Meter	0	\$ 92.96	\$ 119.78
1 1/4" Meter	0	\$ 144.61	\$ 187.53
1 1/2" Meter	0	\$ 201.51	\$ 263.77
2" Meter	0	\$ 319.66	\$ 427.07
3" Meter	0	\$ 672.07	\$ 819.21
4" Meter	0	\$ 1,140.62	\$ 1,581.25
 <u>Other Charges</u>			
Annual Hydrant Rental		\$ 71.00	\$ 97.89
Reconnection		\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Connection Charge - Tap Fee		\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00

**TOWN OF VERNON
MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

Schedule of Rates & Charges - Potential Increase of 2% for 2022

Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

<u>Users Within Corporate Limits</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 13.03	\$ 13.29
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 12.57	\$ 12.82
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 11.59	\$ 11.82
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 10.69	\$ 10.90
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.39
 <u>Users Outside Corporate Limits</u>		
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 16.36	\$ 16.69
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 15.66	\$ 15.97
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 14.30	\$ 14.59
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 12.96	\$ 13.22
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 12.26	\$ 12.51

Minimum Monthly Charges

<u>Users Within Corporate Limits</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
3/4 " Meter or Less	\$ 39.09	\$ 39.87
1" Meter	\$ 95.81	\$ 97.72
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 150.41	\$ 153.42
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 212.34	\$ 216.59
2" Meter	\$ 347.03	\$ 353.97
3" Meter	\$ 754.44	\$ 769.53
4" Meter	\$ 1,304.70	\$ 1,330.80
 <u>Users Outside Corporate Limits</u>		
3/4 " Meter or Less	\$ 49.08	\$ 50.06
1" Meter	\$ 119.78	\$ 122.18
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 187.53	\$ 191.28
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 263.77	\$ 269.05
2" Meter	\$ 427.07	\$ 435.61
3" Meter	\$ 919.21	\$ 937.59
4" Meter	\$ 1,581.25	\$ 1,612.87
 <u>Other Charges</u>		
Annual Hydrant Rental	\$ 97.89	\$ 99.85
Reconnection	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Connection Charge - Tap Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00

**TOWN OF VERNON
MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

Schedule of Rates & Charges - Potential Increase of 2% for 2023

Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 13.29	\$ 13.56
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 12.82	\$ 13.08
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 11.82	\$ 12.06
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 10.90	\$ 11.12
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 10.39	\$ 10.60

Users Outside Corporate Limits

First 3,333 Gallons		
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 16.69	\$ 17.02
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 15.97	\$ 16.29
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 14.59	\$ 14.88
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 13.22	\$ 13.48
	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.76

Minimum Monthly Charges

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
3/4 " Meter or Less	\$ 39.87	\$ 40.67
1" Meter	\$ 97.72	\$ 99.68
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 153.42	\$ 158.49
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 216.59	\$ 220.92
2" Meter	\$ 353.97	\$ 361.05
3" Meter	\$ 769.53	\$ 784.92
4" Meter	\$ 1,330.80	\$ 1,357.41

Users Outside Corporate Limits

3/4 " Meter or Less	\$ 50.06	\$ 51.06
1" Meter	\$ 122.18	\$ 124.62
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 191.28	\$ 195.11
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 269.05	\$ 274.43
2" Meter	\$ 435.61	\$ 444.32
3" Meter	\$ 937.59	\$ 956.34
4" Meter	\$ 1,612.87	\$ 1,645.13

Other Charges

Annual Hydrant Rental	\$ 99.85	\$ 101.85
Reconnection	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Connection Charge - Tap Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00

**TOWN OF VERNON
MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

Schedule of Rates & Charges - Potential Increase of 2% for 2024

Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.83
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.34
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 12.06	\$ 12.30
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 11.12	\$ 11.34
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.81

Users Outside Corporate Limits

First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 17.02	\$ 17.36
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 16.29	\$ 16.62
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 14.88	\$ 15.18
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 13.48	\$ 13.75
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 12.78	\$ 13.01

Minimum Monthly Charges

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
3/4 " Meter or Less	\$ 40.67	\$ 41.48
1" Meter	\$ 99.68	\$ 101.67
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 156.49	\$ 159.62
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 220.92	\$ 225.34
2" Meter	\$ 361.05	\$ 368.27
3" Meter	\$ 784.92	\$ 800.62
4" Meter	\$ 1,357.41	\$ 1,384.56

Users Outside Corporate Limits

3/4 " Meter or Less	\$ 51.06	\$ 52.08
1" Meter	\$ 124.62	\$ 127.11
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 195.11	\$ 199.01
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 274.43	\$ 279.92
2" Meter	\$ 444.32	\$ 453.21
3" Meter	\$ 956.34	\$ 975.47
4" Meter	\$ 1,645.13	\$ 1,678.03

Other Charges

Annual Hydrant Rental	\$ 101.85	\$ 103.89
Reconnection	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Connection Charge - Tap Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00

**TOWN OF VERNON
MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY**

Schedule of Rates & Charges - Potential Increase of 2% for 2025

Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 3,333 Gallons		
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 13.83	\$ 14.10
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 13.34	\$ 13.61
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.55
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 11.34	\$ 11.57
	\$ 10.81	\$ 11.03

Users Outside Corporate Limits

First 3,333 Gallons		
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 17.36	\$ 17.71
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 16.62	\$ 16.95
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 15.18	\$ 15.48
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 13.75	\$ 14.03
	\$ 13.01	\$ 13.27

Minimum Monthly Charges

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
3/4 " Meter or Less		
1" Meter	\$ 41.48	\$ 42.31
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 101.67	\$ 103.71
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 159.62	\$ 162.81
2" Meter	\$ 225.34	\$ 229.84
3" Meter	\$ 368.27	\$ 375.64
4" Meter	\$ 800.62	\$ 816.63
	\$ 1,384.56	\$ 1,412.25

Users Outside Corporate Limits

3/4 " Meter or Less		
1" Meter	\$ 52.08	\$ 53.13
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 127.11	\$ 129.66
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 199.01	\$ 202.99
2" Meter	\$ 279.92	\$ 285.51
3" Meter	\$ 453.21	\$ 462.27
4" Meter	\$ 975.47	\$ 994.98
	\$ 1,678.03	\$ 1,711.59

Other Charges

Annual Hydrant Rental	\$ 103.89	\$ 105.96
Reconnection	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Connection Charge - Tap Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00

**TOWN OF VERNON
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Schedule of Rates & Charges - Potential Increase of 2% for 2026

Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 14.10	\$ 14.39
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 13.61	\$ 13.88
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 12.55	\$ 12.80
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 11.57	\$ 11.80
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 11.03	\$ 11.25

Users Outside Corporate Limits

First 3,333 Gallons	\$ 17.71	\$ 18.06
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 16.95	\$ 17.29
Next 6,667 Gallons	\$ 15.48	\$ 15.79
Next 33,333 Gallons	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.31
Over 50,000 Gallons	\$ 13.27	\$ 13.54

Minimum Monthly Charges

Users Within Corporate Limits

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Required</u>
3/4" Meter or Less	\$ 42.31	\$ 43.16
1" Meter	\$ 103.71	\$ 105.78
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 162.81	\$ 166.07
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 229.84	\$ 234.44
2" Meter	\$ 375.64	\$ 383.15
3" Meter	\$ 816.63	\$ 832.97
4" Meter	\$ 1,412.25	\$ 1,440.50

Users Outside Corporate Limits

3/4" Meter or Less	\$ 53.13	\$ 54.19
1" Meter	\$ 129.66	\$ 132.25
1 1/4" Meter	\$ 202.99	\$ 207.05
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 285.51	\$ 291.22
2" Meter	\$ 462.27	\$ 471.52
3" Meter	\$ 994.98	\$ 1,014.88
4" Meter	\$ 1,711.59	\$ 1,745.82

Other Charges

Annual Hydrant Rental	\$ 105.96	\$ 108.08
Reconnection	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Connection Charge - Tap Fee	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00