

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06**

**Water Rates and Fees Ordinance**

An ordinance amending and restating a schedule of rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Sunman.

**WHEREAS**, the Town has caused a financial study of the municipal waterworks to be made by Therber, Brock & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Carmel, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the study indicates that the rates and charges are not sufficient to meet the reasonable financial requirements of the utility and that the water rates and charges should be increased on an “across the board” basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town now finds that the existing rates and charges, as set forth in Ordinance No. 2006-03 for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks of said Town are too low and are insufficient to enable the Town to operate and maintain its waterworks plant properly, provide for depreciation, service outstanding indebtedness and make necessary additions and improvements, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased, in three phases **effective July 15, 2022, July 15, 2023, and July 15, 2024** as written below’

**NOW**, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNMAN, INDIANA:

**Section 1.** There is hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the town the following rates and charges, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

**(A) Metered Rates (per month)**

**Rates per 1,000 Gallons**

		Effective July 15, 2022		Effective July 15, 2023		Effective July 15, 2024	
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
First	2,500	\$ 8.60	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.55	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.60	\$ 11.66
Next	2,500	\$ 7.56	\$ 8.32	\$ 8.39	\$ 9.23	\$ 9.31	\$ 10.25
Next	5,000	\$ 6.45	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.16	\$ 7.88	\$ 7.95	\$ 8.74
Next	10,000	\$ 5.35	\$ 5.89	\$ 5.94	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.60	\$ 7.26
Next	80,000	\$ 4.14	\$ 4.56	\$ 4.60	\$ 5.06	\$ 5.11	\$ 5.62
Over	100,000	\$ 2.88	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.90

**(B) Minimum Monthly Charge****Per Month  
Rates per 1,000 Gallons**

Meter Size	Usage Allowed	Effective July 15, 2022		Effective July 15, 2023		Effective July 15, 2024	
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
5/8" or less	2,500 gallons	\$ 21.50	\$ 23.65	\$ 23.87	\$ 26.26	\$ 26.50	\$ 29.14
1"	5,680 gallons	\$ 44.80	\$ 49.28	\$ 49.73	\$ 54.70	\$ 55.20	\$ 60.72
2"	17,722 gallons	\$ 114.00	\$ 125.41	\$ 126.55	\$ 139.20	\$ 140.47	\$ 154.51
4"	54,521 gallons	\$ 269.26	\$ 296.19	\$ 298.88	\$ 328.77	\$ 331.75	\$ 364.93
6"	107,958 gallons	\$ 480.63	\$ 528.69	\$ 533.49	\$ 586.84	\$ 592.18	\$ 651.40

**(C) Permit fee for individual water taps.**

**(1) The Sunman Utility Department shall issue a permit for the connection of any building, establishment, or industry requiring the supply of water upon payment of a fee set according to the following schedule:**

Permit Fee for Individual Water Taps	
Line Size	Tap-in Fee
5/8-inch	\$ 1,500.00
3/4-inch	\$ 1,500.00
1-inch	\$ 1,800.00
1-1/2-inch	\$ 2,200.00
2-inch	\$ 2,500.00
3-inch	\$ 3,000.00
4-inch	\$ 5,000.00
6-inch and above	\$ 8,000.00

**(D) Miscellaneous Fees.**

**(1) The following fees and charges shall apply:**

Type of Service	Charge
After working hours, Monday - Friday	\$ 50.00
Bacteriological sampling fee (per sample, two sample minimum required)	\$ 100.00
Bad check charge	\$ 35.00
Deferred payment charge	10% on first \$3 and 3% on excess over \$3
During working hours, Monday - Friday	\$ 15.00
Holidays	\$ 50.00
Saturday	\$ 50.00
Service call charges	\$ 50.00
Sunday	\$ 75.00

**( E) WATER RATE FOR BULK SALES.**

(A) There is hereby established a rate of \$.25 per 25 gallons of water purchased from the town for the purpose of delivery by truck or other means of transportation other than the regular water mains of the town to consumers outside the corporate town.

(B) The town, through its Town Council, reserves the right to suspend sales of water as provided in division (A) whenever and for the periods the Town Council shall determine that the total water supply of the town is insufficient to continue sales without endangering an adequate water supply for the regular customers of the town being served through its regular water mains.

**Section 2.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in connection herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted by the Sunman Town Council, Sunman, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Foley

Attest:

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharron Bennett

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Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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Carol Eckstein