

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

Sewer 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 heretofore constructed and has in operation a sewage works for the purpose of collecting and disposing of the sewage of the Town in a sanitary manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Town adopted Ordinance No. 2006-2 setting a schedule of rates and charges, and,

WHEREAS, the Town has had prepared an accounting report to analyze revenue currently generated by existing rates and charges and current new requirements; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish an amended and restate schedule of rates and charges so as to produce sufficient revenue to pay expenses of maintenance and operation, to provide funds for necessary replacements and improvements to the sewage works, and to pay the principal and interest on the revenue bonds in accordance with the applicable bond ordinance, all in a manner in accordance with the guidelines of the EPA; now, therefore, in three phases effective **July 15, 2022, July 15, 2023, and July 15, 2024** as written below'

Be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Sunman, Indiana:

Section 1. For the use of the service rendered by the sewage works, rates and charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate, or building that is connected with the Town sanitary system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the Town of Sunman. Such rates and charges include user charges, debt service costs, excessive strength surcharges, and other service charges, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determined as follows:

- (A) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges as the same may be measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of billing and collecting the

charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read monthly and the users shall be billed each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

(1) Treatment rate per 1000 gallons of usage per month:

	Effective July 15, 2022		Effective July 15, 2023		Effective July 15, 2024	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
All users	\$ 6.94	\$ 7.63	\$ 7.67	\$ 8.44	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.86

plus;

(2) Base rate per month:

5/8-3/4 - inch	\$ 21.67
1-inch	\$ 52.14
1-1/4-inch	\$ 82.50
1-1/2 - inch	\$ 119.02
2-inch	\$ 204.11
3-inch	\$ 468.93
4-inch	\$ 812.30
6-inch and above	\$ 1,846.19

(B) For users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users, or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined by equivalent single-family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). The schedule on which said rates and charges will be determined is as follows:

**Monthly Residential Rate:
Single-family residence/unit***

Monthly Residential Rate	Effective July 15, 2022		Effective July 15, 2023		Effective July 15, 2024	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Single Family Dwelling	\$ 48.07	\$ 52.88	\$ 53.36	\$ 58.69	\$ 59.23	\$ 65.15

*For users that do not meet the above category, their treatment rate will be based on applying the metered rates to estimated usage as determined by the council on an individual basis.

Section 2. In order that the rates and charges may be justly and equitably adjusted to the service rendered to users, the Town shall base its charges not only on the volume, but also on strength and characters of the stronger-than-normal domestic sewage and wastes which it is required to treat and dispose of. The Town shall require the user to determine the strength and content of all sewage and wastes discharged, either directly or indirectly into the sanitary sewage system, in such manner, by such method, and at such times as the Town may deem practicable in light of the conditions and attending circumstances of the case, in order to determine the proper charge. The user shall furnish a central sampling point available to the Town at all times.

(a) Normal sewage domestic waste strength should not exceed a biochemical oxygen demand of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid, or suspended solids in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid. Additional charges for treating stronger-than-normal domestic waste shall be made on the following basis:

(1) Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids

There shall be an additional charge per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluids:

Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids	Effective July 15, 2022		Effective July 15, 2023		Effective July 15, 2024	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Charge per pound	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.49

(b) The determination of Suspended Solids and Biochemical Oxygen Demand, contained in the waste shall be in accordance with the latest copy of "Standard Methods for the Elimination of Water, Sewage, and Industrial Wastes" as written by the American Public Health association, the American Waterworks Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation, and in accordance with "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants", 40 CFR, Part 136.

Section 4. The Sunman Utility Department shall issue a permit for the connection of any

building, establishment, or industry requiring the supply of sewer upon payment of a fee set according to the following schedule'

Permit Fee for Individual Sewer Taps	
Line Size	Tap-in Fee
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5/8-inch	\$ 2,500.00
3/4-inch	\$ 2,500.00
1-inch	\$ 2,800.00
1-1/2-inch	\$ 3,000.00
2-inch	\$ 3,500.00
3-inch	\$ 4,000.00
4-inch	\$ 7,000.00
6-inch and above	\$ 9,000.00

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording, and publication as provided by law. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and are hereby repealed.

Adopted by the Sunman Town Council, Sunman, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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Don Foley

Attest:

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Sharron Bennett

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Cheryl Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

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Carol Eckstein