

ORDINANCE NO. 5371

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5044 OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA AND FIXING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT

WHEREAS, the Common Council has caused a rate study of the sewage treatment works to be completed by the firm of H. J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana (“Rate Study”), and finds, based upon the Rate Study and with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety, that the rates and charges established pursuant to Ordinance No. 5044 are insufficient to enable the City of Connerville, Indiana (“City”) to properly operate its sewage plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds, and finance additions and improvements to its sewage treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds, with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety, that the rates and charges set forth herein are reasonable and just, based upon the aforementioned Rate Study and the cost of providing service to the customers of the sewer treatment works; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety has recommended that the following rates and charges be established for sewer service in said City and to customers otherwise served by the wastewater utility, for such purposes, subject to the approval thereof by the Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA:

Section 1. That the following water usage schedule upon which the amount of charge for sewage service charged by the City to users and owners of any lot, parcel of real estate, building or improvement that is connected with and uses the sewage treatment works by or through any part of the sewage system of the City or that in any way uses or is served by the sewage treatment works, shall be as follows, and the following rates are hereby fixed for said sewage service:

(a) <u>Volumetric Rate Per Month</u>	<u>Proposed (2)</u>		
	<u>Present (1)</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>
	<u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>		
All users	\$1.56	\$1.77	\$1.97

(b) Service Charge Per Month

Water Meter Size

5/8 - 3/4 inch	\$17.60	\$19.89	\$22.18
1 inch	37.78	42.69	47.60
1 1/2 inch	82.27	92.97	103.66
2 inch	139.07	157.15	175.23
3 inch	314.43	355.31	396.18
4 inch	558.60	631.22	703.84
6 inch	1,245.74	1,407.69	1,569.63
8 inch	2,217.60	2,505.89	2,794.18

(c) Multiple Dwelling Unit (3)

Per Month

All units over one \$4.90

(d) Flat Rate Charge

Per Month

For domestic users with private water supply \$29.65 \$33.51 \$37.36

(e) Septic Tank Material

1 to 1,000	gallons	\$23.45	\$26.50	\$29.55
1,001 to 1,500	gallons	36.35	41.08	45.80
1,501 to 2,000	gallons	48.05	54.30	60.54
2,001 to 2,500	gallons	59.75	67.52	75.29
2,501 to 3,000	gallons	71.45	80.74	90.03
Travel trailer - holding tanks		4.90	5.54	6.17

The Board of Public Works and Safety is hereby authorized to make rules pertaining to the acceptance of septic tank material by the wastewater treatment plant.

(f) Non-Recurring Charges

Per Occurrence

Customer Deposit	\$ 85.00
Sewer Connection Charge	\$ 1,000.00
Inspection Fee	\$ 10.00
(Plus \$1.00 for each 100 feet of sewer)	

(g) Outside City Surcharge

10%

(h) Sprinkling Credit

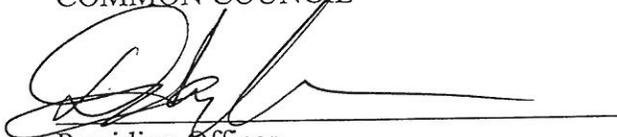
In order that domestic and residential users of sewage services shall not be penalized for sprinkling lawns during the months of June, July, August and September, the billing for sewage services for domestic and residential users for each of said months of June, July, August and September shall be based upon the average usage for the previous months of January, February and March. In the event the average water usage for said previous months of January, February and March is greater than the water usage for each of said months of June, July, August and September then the billing for sewage services shall be computed on the actual water used in the months for which the sewage service bill is being rendered. Domestic and/or residential sewage services applicable to the sprinkling rate shall apply to each lot or parcel of real estate, building or improvement which is occupied and used as a residence. Said sprinkling rate shall not apply to any premises which are partially used for commercial or industrial purposes. The owner shall have the privilege of separating the water service so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a separate meter and, in such case, the water usage as registered by the water meter serving such portion of the premises used for residential purposes only shall qualify for the sprinkling rate.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 5044 and all other ordinances of the City in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, the existing schedule of sewage rates and charges for sewage services shall remain in full force and effect until the new schedule of rates and charges herein contained shall be passed and approved by the Common Council. The new schedule of rates and charges shall be billed on the next billing cycle following the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, Phase I to take effect July 1, 2012 and Phase II to take effect July 1, 2013.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Connersville this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

COMMON COUNCIL

  
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Presiding Officer

Attest:

Julie A. Gheason  
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Connersville on the 18th day of June, 2012, at the hour of 8:00p.m.

Julie A. Gheason  
Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me, the Mayor of the City of Connersville, on the 18th day of June, 2012 at the hour of 8:00 p.m.

David E. Wilson  
Mayor