

ORDINANCE NO. 5370

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF
THE WATER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5157 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 waterworks 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. 5157 are insufficient to enable the City of Connersville (“City”) to properly operate its waterworks plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds, and finance additions and improvements to its waterworks 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 waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety has recommended that the following rates and charges be established for water service in said City and to customers otherwise served by the City water 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. There shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City, the following rates and

charges, based on the use of the water supplied by said waterworks system:

CONNERSVILLE (INDIANA) MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED WATER RATES AND CHARGES

<u>Metered Usage Per Month</u>			Proposed (2)		
			Present (1)	Phase I	Phase II
			Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet		
First	350	cubic feet	\$3.29	\$3.54	\$3.78
Next	650	cubic feet	2.86	3.08	3.29
Next	2,000	cubic feet	2.50	2.69	2.88
Next	3,000	cubic feet	1.80	1.94	2.07
Over	6,000	cubic feet	1.63	1.75	1.87

<u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>			Minimum Per Month		
<u>Water Meter Size</u>		<u>Cubic Feet Allowed</u>			
5/8	inch	350	\$11.52	\$12.39	\$13.23
1	inch	1,278	37.06	39.89	42.62
1 1/2	inch	3,164	83.06	89.39	95.61
2	inch	7,058	151.36	162.93	174.10
3	inch	20,884	376.72	404.88	432.65
4	inch	40,360	694.18	745.71	796.85
6	inch	95,663	1,595.62	1,713.51	1,831.02
8	inch	173,535	2,864.93	3,076.27	3,287.22

<u>Private Fire Protection Charges</u>			Per Annum		
Per hydrant			\$753.00	\$810.00	\$866.00
Automatic sprinkler systems:			Per Annum		
2	inch sprinkler or less		\$86.00	\$93.00	\$99.00
2 1/2	inch sprinkler		135.00	145.00	155.00
3	inch sprinkler		181.00	195.00	208.00
4	inch sprinkler		324.00	349.00	373.00
6	inch sprinkler		755.00	812.00	868.00
8	inch sprinkler		1,333.00	1,433.00	1,533.00
10	inch sprinkler		2,091.00	2,248.00	2,405.00
12	inch sprinkler		3,023.00	3,250.00	3,476.00

<u>Outside City Rates and Charges</u>			Per Month		
Fire protection			\$9.22	\$9.91	\$10.60
Surcharge			25%	25%	25%

- (1) Present rates and charges adopted by Ordinance No. 5157, July 19, 2010.
 (2) Proposed rates and charges represent a 15% across-the-board increase in rates and charges over two equal phases.

(a) Meter Deposit

At the time any prospective customer desiring to obtain water service makes an application for such service, the customer shall deposit the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars with the water utility, which shall be retained by the water utility until water

service is discontinued. At that time the deposit shall be applied to any unpaid bill or returned to the customer if no unpaid bill is due.

(b) Tap Charge

A tap charge shall be collected from each customer prior to connection to the water system. This charge shall be Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars for a 5/8 inch to 3/4 inch connection. For larger size connections, the charge shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the City for the labor, material, and overhead necessary for tapping the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including the curb stop), and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. In no event shall the charge for such connection be less than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars.

In the event a line tap is made to the water system of the City by others than the City, a charge for inspection, material, labor and overhead to be determined by the utilities manager shall be payable by the owner or those making the tap at the time of making the application therefore. The work shall be done only by a licensed, qualified, and insured person or contractor, upon written application and notification to the utilities manager, and subject to inspection and acceptance by the personnel of the water utility.

(c) Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, and the like, shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates herein set forth as estimated and established by the utilities manager.

(d) Service Charge

A service charge of Fifty Five (\$55.00) Dollars shall be charged by the Utilities for any emergency calls after regular working hours for the customer's water service.

(e) Deferred Payment Charge

All bills for water service not paid on or before the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to the collection of a deferred payment charge of Ten (10%) percent on the first Three (\$3.00) Dollars and Three (3%) percent on the excess over Three (\$3.00) Dollars.

(f) Reconnection Charge

There shall be a charge for reconnection of service, following its disconnection for non-payment of charges, in the amount of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars for each reconnection.

(g) Miscellaneous Charges

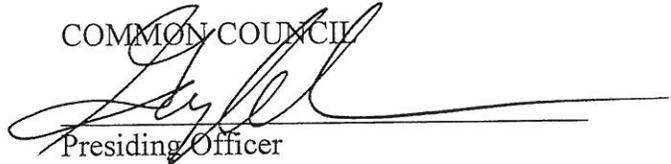
	<u>Charge</u>
Returned Item Charge	\$ 20.00
Bulk Water	\$ 6.51 per 1000 gallons

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, including Ordinance No. 5157, in conflict herewith are repealed; provided, however, the existing schedule of water rates and charges for water 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 18th day of June, 2012.

COMMON COUNCIL


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

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


Clerk-Treasurer

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


Mayor