

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

Users of the City of Loogootee, Indiana (“City”) water works system, owners of property served or to be served by the City’s water works system, and other interested persons are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 2020-04 (the “Ordinance”) was introduced at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Lawrenceburg (the “Common Council”) held on July 13, 2020. The Ordinance, if finally adopted, will increase the rates and charges of City’s water works system (as described in the below Ordinance). At a meeting of the Common Council to be held on August 10, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., local time, at the Loogootee Municipal Building, 401 J.F.K. Avenue, Loogootee, Indiana 47553, there will be a public hearing on the matter of such rates and charges, and consideration of final adoption of the Ordinance. At such hearing and prior to final adoption of the Ordinance, all interested persons may appear and be heard. A copy of the Ordinance may be examined in the Office of the City’s Clerk-Treasurer, 401 J.F.K. Avenue, Loogootee, Indiana 47553, during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by submitting them in person during regular business hours at the address noted above or by sending the written comments to: Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer, P.O. Box 276, Loogootee, Indiana 47553. The Ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA AMENDING THE WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 8-1.5 et seq., as amended (the “Act”) the City of Loogootee, Indiana (the “City”) owns, operates, manages and controls a municipal water works system; and

WHEREAS, this Common Council of the City of Loogootee, Indiana (“Council”) has previously by ordinance established the existing schedule of user rates and charges for water service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8.1, this Council may change or adjust its existing schedule of fees by ordinance after notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8 authorizes this Council to adopt by ordinance a nondiscriminatory, reasonable and just schedule of fees for water services rendered by the City’s water works system; and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8, authorizes this Council to exercise reasonable discretion in adopting different schedules of fees, or making classifications in schedules of fees, to ensure that the rates and charges produce an income sufficient to maintain the utility property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service, and whereas rates and charges too low to meet these requirements are deemed unlawful; and

WHEREAS, the existing rates and charges for water services rendered by the City will not produce sufficient revenue to pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, and interest charges on bonds or other obligations; and

WHEREAS, because of and based upon such cost increases, it is just, equitable, and reasonable to amend the existing schedules of fees herein for users of the water system; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the relationship among the rate classifications should be maintained and that the rates should therefore be increased in an across-the-board fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds the schedules of fees adopted herein are nondiscriminatory, reasonable and just; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on proposed rates has been given pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before this Council on August 10, 2020, at which time testimony from interested persons was received, after introduction of this ordinance and pursuant to the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this Common Council of the City of Loogootee, Indiana, that:

Section 1. The schedule of user rates and charges attached hereto as Exhibit A, which amends the existing schedule of user rates and charges pursuant to Ordinance No. 2002-03, adopted by the Council on March 6, 2002, shall apply to users and customers of the water service provided by the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Section 2. The rates and charges provided in this Ordinance shall be effective on and after January 1, 2021.

EXHIBIT A

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF LOOGOOTEE, INDIANA

Monthly metered Flow Rate (rate per 1,000 gallons):

	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
First 2,500 gallons	\$9.64	\$11.28	\$11.96
Next 2,500 gallons	9.17	10.73	11.37
Next 5,000 gallons	8.48	9.92	10.52
Next 15,000 gallons	8.10	9.48	10.05
Next 25,000 gallons	7.80	9.13	9.68
Next 50,000 gallons	7.07	8.27	8.77
Over 100,000 gallons	6.36	7.44	7.89

MINIMUM CHARGE (PER MONTH)

	Gallons Allowed	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
5/8 – 3/4 inch meter	2,500	\$24.10	\$28.20	\$29.90
1 inch meter	3,920	37.12	43.44	46.05
1 1/2 inch meter	7,100	64.83	75.86	80.42
2 inch meter	12,610	110.57	129.37	137.16
3 inch meter	27,065	227.03	265.68	281.66
4 inch meter	42,555	347.85	407.10	431.61

HYDRANT RENTAL (ANNUAL)

	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
Public (per hydrant)	\$583.64	\$583.64	\$583.64
Private (per hydrant)	700.37	819.43	868.60

SPRINKLER SYSTEM (ANNUAL)

	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
2 inch meter	\$77.82	\$91.05	\$96.51
3 inch meter	175.09	204.86	217.15
4 inch meter	311.27	364.19	386.04
6 inch meter	700.37	819.43	868.60
8 inch meter	1,245.10	1,456.77	1,544.18

DAVIESS COUNTY WATER SUPPLY

	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
Annual Fee	\$700.37	\$819.43	\$868.60
Rate per 1,000 gallons	2.70	3.16	3.35

TAP CHARGE:

All new users shall pay a tap charge of the greater of \$700.00 or the actual cost to the City at the time they initially connect to the system.

DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION CHARGES

Whenever service is to be disconnected for any reason, a disconnection charge of \$15.00 shall be assessed which must be paid before service will be reconnected. In addition, before service will be reconnected, a reconnection charge of \$15.00 must be paid.

Notice is given by **CAROL J. HARDER, CLERK-TREASURER,**
401 J.F.K. AVENUE, LOOGOOTEE, IN 47553

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