

ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2013

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS UTILITY**

AMENDED

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to increase rates in order to generate revenue sufficient to meet the Sewage Works annual operation and maintenance requirement to fund principal and interest payments on outstanding and proposed bond issues and to generate funds necessary for normal capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1.

Customer/Class definitions are amended to include:

General Service Rates shall apply to customers not eligible for Large Service Rates.

Large Service Rates shall apply to customers with an average daily discharge of 350,000 gallons per day or higher.

Section 2.

Section 103.03 and subsections (a) (b) (c) be amended to read as follows:

103.03 RATE. For General Service customers, the use of and 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 are connected with the City sanitary system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the City of Valparaiso. 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 determinable 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 is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purposes of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be reached 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 shall be as follows:

<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Effective From January 1, 2014 Through June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Effective July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2015</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2016</u>
5/8" meter	\$ 16.60	\$ 17.90	\$ 18.65
3/4" meter	16.60	17.90	18.65
1" meter	38.40	41.50	43.15
1 1/4" – 1 1/2" meter	86.55	93.45	97.20
2" meter	147.80	159.60	166.00
3" meter	337.30	364.30	378.85
4" meter	599.75	647.70	673.65
6" meter	1,343.25	1,450.70	1,508.75
Flow rate per 100 cu.ft.	3.88	4.19	4.36
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Rate per connection	23.65	25.55	26.55

- (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). This schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Effective From January 1, 2014 Through June 30, 2014</u>	<u>Effective July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2015</u>	<u>Effective January 1, 2016</u>
Residential:			
Single-Family Residence/Unit	\$ 47.55	\$ 51.35	\$ 53.40

- (c) For the service rendered to the City of Valparaiso, said City shall be subject to the same rates and charges hereinabove provided, or to rates and charges established in harmony therewith.

103.03 RATE. For Large Service customers, the use of and 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 are connected with the City sanitary system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the City of Valparaiso. 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 determinable as follows:

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Flow rate per 100 cu.ft.	2.06	2.06	2.06
Flow rate per 1,000 gal.	2.75	2.75	2.75

Section 3. Section 103.05 be amended to read as follows:

103.05. RATE BASED UPON CONTENT. In order that the rates and charges for General Service and Large Service customers may be justly and equitably adjusted to the service rendered to users, the City shall base its charges not only on the volume, but also on strength and character of the stronger-than-normal domestic sewage and wastes which it is required to treat and dispose of. The City 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 and by such method as the City may deem practicable in the 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 City at all times.

(a) Normal sewage domestic waste strength should not exceed a Biochemical Oxygen Demand of 240 milligrams per liter of fluid or Chemical Oxygen Demand in excess of 480 milligrams per liter of fluid, suspended solids in excess of 200 milligrams per liter of fluid, phosphorus in excess of 10 milligrams per liter of fluid, or NH₃ in excess of 30 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 of \$.16 per pound for suspended solids received in excess of 200 milligrams per liter of fluid.

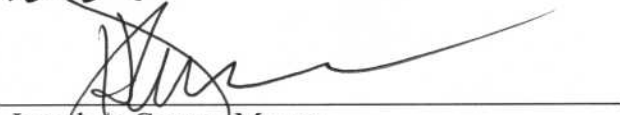
(2) Rate Surcharge Based Upon BOD – There shall be an additional charge of \$.13 per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of 240 milligrams per liter of fluid.

(3) Rate Surcharge Based Upon COD – There shall be an additional charge of \$.065 per pound of chemical oxygen demand for COD received in excess of 480 milligrams per liter of fluid.

- (4) Rate Surcharge Based Upon Phosphorus – There shall be an additional charge of \$.50 per pound of phosphorus received in excess of 10 milligrams per liter of fluid.
- (5) Rate Surcharge Based Upon NH₃ (Nitrogen as Ammonia) – There shall be an additional charge of \$.27 per pound of NH₃ received in excess of 30 milligrams per liter of fluid.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and upon compliance with the procedures required by law.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 6-0 vote of all members present and voting this 25th day of Nov., 2013.



Jonathon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:




Sharon E. Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this 25th day of Nov., 2013 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.



Sharon E. Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this 25th day of Nov., 2013, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.



Jonathon Costas, Mayor