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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF RATE AND CHARGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROPERTY WITHIN AND PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENDALE CAUSE NO.
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 8-1.5-3-8.3(c), Petitioner, City of Greendale, Indiana,
("Petitioner") by counsel, respectfully petitions the Indiana Utility Regulatory
Commission ("Commission") for approval of the rate and charge difference between
property within and property outside the corporate boundaries of Petitioner. In support of
its Petition, Petitioner states:
1. The ordinance setting rates and charges for property within and property outside the municipality's corporate boundaries took effect on December 10, 2008.
2. Attached as "Exhibit A" is a copy of the Ordinance.
3. The works that is the subject of the Ordinance is a (select one):
a. water utility works
b. wastewater utility worksX
c. both water and wastewater utility works

- 4. The percentage difference between the rates and charges imposed on users of the works for service to property located outside the corporate boundaries of the municipality and to property located within the corporate boundaries is fifty percent (50%).
- 5. The percentage difference in number 4 above does not vary based on the amount of consumption.
- 6. Petitioner considers Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8.3(c), among other statutes, to be applicable to the relief requested by this Petition.
- 7. Nicholas K. Kile and Emily A. Heimann are counsel of record for Petitioner in this matter and are duly authorized to accept service of papers in this Cause on behalf of Petitioner.

WHEREFORE Petitioner requests that the Commission issue an Order approving the percentage rate and charge difference between property within and property outside the corporate boundaries of Petitioner and for other just and reasonable relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Emily A. Heiman

Barnes & Thornburg LLP

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that two copies of the foregoing Petition have been served via hand-delivery to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, PNC Center, 115 West Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 this day of August, 2012.

Emily A Heiman

EXHIBIT A

§ 53.36 RATES BASED ON VOLUMETRIC WATER USAGE; MINIMUM CHARGE.

- (A) Rates and charges shall be collected for the use of and services rendered by the municipal sewage works from the owners of each lot, parcel of land, or building that is connected with and uses the works by or through any part of the sewerage system of the city, or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewerage system of the city. Rates and charges shall be in an amount determinable as follows.
- (1) Sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises as measured by the water meter there in use, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Sewage service rates for all users within the city, out of the city but in the state, and out of the state shall be as follows:

Quantity of Water Used per Month	City Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Out of City, but in State, Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Out of State Rate per 1,000 Gallons
First 2,000 gallons	\$4.37	\$6.56	\$8.20
Next 8,000 gallons	\$3.15	\$4.73	\$5.91
Quantity of Water Used per Month	City Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Out of City, but in State, Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Out of State Rate per 1,000 Gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$2.92	\$4.38	\$5.48
Over 20,000 gallons	\$2.18	\$3.27	\$4.09

- (2) However, the minimum charge for sewage treatment service for any user, whether a metered water consumer, a flat rate consumer, or not a water customer, shall be not less than \$8.74 per month for all users within the city, not less than \$13.12 for all users out of the city but in the state, and not less than \$16.40 for all users out of the state.
- (3) For those users whose wastewater has a greater strength of toxicity than normal domestic sewage, a surcharge in addition to the normal user charge, will be collected. Any wastewater that has a biochemical oxygen demand (hereinafter "B.O.D.") or suspended solids (hereinafter "SS") over 250 milligrams per liter (hereinafter "mg/l") is considered excessive. Any wastewater with a pH below 5.5 standard units (hereinafter "SU") and above 9.5 SU is considered toxic.

(a) 1. The following surcharge rates shall apply to each user inside the city that has received permission from the municipal sewage works to contribute excessive strength sewage:

Wastewater	Surcharge Rate
B.O.D.	\$0.25 per pound
SS	\$0.10 per pound
pН	\$685.00 per day

- 2. The surcharge rates for all users out of the city but in the state that have received permission from the municipal sewage works to contribute excessive strength sewage shall be 150% of the above charges. The surcharge rate for all users out of the state that have received permission from the municipal sewage works to contribute excessive strength sewage shall be 125% of the surcharge rate for all users out of the city but in the state.
- (b) 1. The excessive strength surcharge will be based on the following formula, with the total applied to the monthly bill of the affected user:

$$A(C-250) + B(D-250) \times .00834 \times E - Surcharge Payment (\$/month)$$

- 2. Where formula components are as follows:
 - a. A = Surcharge rate for B.O.D., in \$/pound;
 - b. B = Surcharge rate of SS, in \$/pound;
 - c. C = User's average B.O.D. concentration in mg/l;
 - d. D = User's average SS concentration in mg/l; and
 - e. E = User's monthly flow to sewage works per 1,000 gallons.
- (c) No reduction in sewage service charges, fees, or taxes shall be permitted because of the fact that certain wastes discharged into the sewage works contain less than 250 mg/l of B.O.D. or less than 250 mg/l of SS.
- (d) A toxicity surcharge will based on a flat fee of \$500 per day for each daily pH violation for all users within the city, 150% of the amount for all users out of the city but in the state, and 125% of the amount for all users out of the city but in the state for all users out of the state. Discharge flow with a pH below 5.5 SU and above 9.5 SU is considered a violation.

1. The toxicity surcharge shall be based on the following formula, with the total applied to the monthly bill of the affected user:

F x G - Surcharge Payment (\$/month)

- 2. Where formula components are as follows:
 - a. F = Number of days of pH violation; and
 - b. G = Surcharge rate of pH violation.
- (4) The municipal sewage works shall maintain financial records to accurately account for expenditures for operation and maintenance of the sewer system, including normal replacement costs. The municipal sewage works shall review not less than annually the sewage works, debt service obligations, and sewer service charges to accomplish the following:
- (a) Generate sufficient revenues to offset costs associated with the proper operation and maintenance of the sewage system and to meet debt service requirements;
- (b) Maintain an equitable distribution of operation and maintenance costs among users of the treatment system;
- (c) Adjust billings to reflect charges such as, but not limited to, administrative costs of monitoring flow and laboratory cost for analysis; and
- (d) Adjust billings to reflect costs of equipment or facilities required to correct ordinance violations. These costs may be billed to parties responsible for the violations in a lump sum or assessed as a monthly surcharge.
- (B) The quantity of water obtained from sources other than the water utility serving the city and discharged into the public sanitary sewerage system may be determined by the city in the manner as the proper officers of the city shall elect, and the sewage services may be billed at the above rates. In the event a lot, parcel of land, or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water, or other liquids either directly or indirectly into the city's sanitary sewage system is a user of water supplied by the water utility serving the city, and in addition uses water obtained from another source, or is not a user of water supplied by the water utility serving the city, and the water used thereon or therein is not measured by a meter or is measured by a meter unacceptable to the city, then the amount of water used shall be otherwise measured or determined by the city in order to ascertain the rates of charge; or the owner or other interested party, at his or her expense, may install and maintain meters, weirs, volumetric measuring devices, or any adequate and approved method of measurement acceptable to the city for determination of the sewage discharge.

(1985 Code, § 6-8-2) (Ord. 2-1962, passed 2-26-1962; Ord. 1-1992, passed - -1992; Ord. 1994-4, passed 3-28-1994; Ord. 1997-12, passed - -1997; Ord. 2000-12, passed 11-8-2000; Ord. 2003-12, passed 12-29-2003; Ord. 2008-5, passed 12-10-2008)

ORDINANCE 2008-5 CITY OF GREENDALE, INDIANA

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENDALE AMENDING GREENDALE MUNICIPAL CODE §53.15 and §53.36 REGARDING SEWER RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENDALE that Greendale Municipal Code §53.15 and §53.36 be amended to read as follows:

§53.15 CONNECTION PERMIT AN FEE; COSTS OF INSTALLATION; INDEMNIFICATION OF CITY.

- (A) No authorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Clerk-Treasurer. The owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the City. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the Inspector.
- (B) There shall be six classes of building sewer permits based upon the size of metered water service. All charges shall be paid by the owner within the City to the Clerk-Treasurer at the time the application is filed. The charges paid by all owners within the City and out of the City shall be as follows:

	_City	Out of City
5/8" to 3/4" water meter	\$ 775	\$ 3,500
1" water meter	1,937	4,500
1-1/2" water meter	4,417	6,980
2" water meter	7,750	10,313
3" water meter	17,825	20,388
All water meter sizes greater		
than 3" will be negotiated but		
shall not less than	17,825	20,388

- (C) Where the premises will discharge sewage in addition to its metered water service or from a source other than a metered water service, the building permit fee shall be the same as for a water meter size which generally produces a comparable volume and rate of discharge.
- (D) All costs and expense incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the city from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

§53.36 RATES BASED ON VALUMETRIC WATER USAGE; MINIMUM CHARGE.

- (A) Rates and charges shall be collected for the use of and services rendered by the Municipal Sewage Works from the owners of each lot, parcel of land, or building that is connected with and uses such works by or through any part of the sewerage system of the City, or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the sanitary sewerage system of the City. Rates and charges shall be in an amount determinable as follows:
- (1) Sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises as measured by the water meter there in use, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Sewage service rates for all users within the City, out of the City but in the State, and out of the State shall be as follows:

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Next 8,000 gallons	3.15	4.73	5.91
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Over 20,000 gallons	2.18	3.27	4.09

- (2) However, the minimum charge for sewage treatment service for any user, whether a metered water consumer, a flat rate consumer, or not a water customer, shall be not less than \$8.74 per month for all users within the City, not less than \$13.12 for all users out of the City but in the State, and not less than \$16.40 for all users out of the State.
- (3) For those users whose wastewater has a greater strength of toxicity than normal domestic sewage, a surcharge in addition to the normal user charge, will be collected. Any wastewater that has a Biochemical Oxygen Demand (hereinafter "BOD") or Suspended Solids (hereinafter "SS") over 250 Milligrams per liter (hereinafter "MG/L") is considered excessive. Any wastewater with a pH below 5.5 standard units (hereinafter "SU") and above 9.5 SU is considered toxic.
- (a) The following surcharge rates shall apply to each user inside the City that has received permission from the Municipal Sewage Works to contribute excessive strength sewage:

Surcharge Rate

BOD	\$ 0.25 per pound
SS	0.10 per pound
pH	685.00 per day

The surcharge rates for all users out of the City but in the State that have received permission from the Municipal Sewage Works to contribute excessive strength sewage shall be one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the above charges. The surcharge rate for all users out of the State that have received permission from the Municipal Sewage Works to contribute excessive strength sewage shall be one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the surcharge rate for all users out of the City but in the State.

(b) The excessive strength surcharge will be based on the following formula, with the total applied to the monthly bill of the affected user:

$$A(C-250) + B(D-250) \times .00834 \times E - Surcharge Payment (\$/Month)$$

Where formula components are as follows:

A = Surcharge Rate for BOD, in \$/Pound

B = Surcharge Rate of SS, in \$/Pound

C = User's average BOD concentration in MG/L

D = User's average SS concentration in MG/L

E = User's monthly flow to Sewage Works per 1,000 gallon

- (c) No reduction in sewage service charges, fees, or taxes shall be permitted because of the fact that certain wastes discharged into the Sewage Works contain less than 250 MG/L of BOD or less than 250 MG/L of SS.
- (d) A toxicity surcharge will based on a flat fee of \$500 per day for each daily pH violation for all users within the City, one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the amount for all users out of the City but in the State, and one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the amount for all users out of the City but in the State for all users out of the State. Discharge flow with a pH below 5.5 SU and above 9.5 SU is considered a violation. The toxicity surcharge shall be based on the following formula, with the total applied to the monthly bill of the affected user:

Where formula components are as follows:

F = Number of days of pH violation

G = Surcharge rate of pH violation

- (4) The Municipal Sewage Works shall maintain financial records to accurately account for expenditures for operation and maintenance of the sewer system, including normal replacement costs. The Municipal Sewage Works shall review not less than annually the sewage works, debt service obligations, and sewer service charges to accomplish the following:
- (a) Generate sufficient revenues to offset costs associated with the proper operation and maintenance of the sewage system and to meet debt service requirements.

- (b) Maintain an equitable distribution of operation and maintenance costs among users of the treatment system.
- (c) Adjust billings to reflect charges such as, but not limited to, administrative costs of monitoring flow and laboratory cost for analysis.
- (d) Adjust billings to reflect costs of equipment or facilities required to correct ordinance violations. These costs may be billed to parties responsible for the violations in a lump sum or assessed as a monthly surcharge.
- (B) The quantity of water obtained from sources other than the water utility serving the City and discharged into the public sanitary sewerage system may be determined by the City in such manner as the proper officers of the City shall elect, and the sewage services may be billed at the above rates. In the event a lot, parcel of land, or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water, or other liquids either directly or indirectly into the City's sanitary sewage system is a user of water supplied by the water utility serving the City, and in addition uses water obtained from another source, or is not a user of water supplied by the water utility serving the City, and the water used thereon or therein is not measured by a meter or is measured by a meter unacceptable to the City, then the amount of water used shall be otherwise measured or determined by the City in order to ascertain the rates of charge; or the owner or other interested party, at his expense, may install and maintain meters, weirs, volumetric measuring devices, or any adequate and approved method of measurement acceptable to the City for determination of the sewage discharge.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage as provided by law.

ORDINANCE 2008 - 5 CITY OF GREENDALE, INDIANA

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VOTE UPON FIRST READING BEFORE COUNCIL THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008.

Abstain Aye Nay	Abstain Aye Nay
At Abdon	Bill Lansing
Eddie Edwards	Eric Schnebelt
Ty Bowell	Matt McCool
Walt Wilson	. Aye Nay
VOTE OF MAYOR UPON TIE VOTE OF COUN	
	Doug Hedrick, Mayor
THE COUNCIL VOTE UPON THE FOREGOING	RESOLUTION IS DECLARED AS:
PASSED FAILED	(Jos)
	Mayor/Pres. Pro Tempore
ATTESTED: Mary Jo Lynch Glerk-Treasurer	

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FOR APPROVAL OF MAYOR
The foregoing Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Greendale, Indiana on the date stated is now by me presented to the Mayor of the City of Greendale on this date of December 10, 2008 at 7.25 o'clock p.m.
Mary Jo Lynch Clerk-Treasurer
The foregoing Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Greendale, Indiana, on the date stated is APPROVED by me as Mayor of the City of Greendale on this date of Drophy 10, 2008 at 1:25 o'clock p.m.
Doug Hedrick, Mayor
The foregoing Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Greendale, Indiana, on the date stated is VETOED by me as Mayor of the City of Greendale on this date of at o'clock p.m.

Doug Hedrick, Mayor