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Director of the Water and Wastewater Division:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Petition of the City of Evansville, acting by and through its Water and Sewer Utility, for Approval of Rate and Charge Difference between Property Within and Property Outside the Corporate Boundaries of Evansville (the "Petition"). Please return a file-marked copy of the Petition in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your help and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Allen Mounts

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SEP 122012 INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

# PETITION OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY, FOR APPROVAL OF RATE AND CHARGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROPERTY WITHIN AND PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF EVANSVILLE

Pursuant to Indiana Code §8-1.5-3-8.3(c), Petitioner, the City of Evansville, Indiana, acting by and through its Water and Sewer Utility, by counsel, respectfully petitions the Director of the Water and Wastewater Division of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") to approve the rate and charge difference between property within and property outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Evansville. In support of its Petition, Petitioner states:

- The ordinance setting rates and charges for property within and property outside the municipality's corporate boundaries took effect on July 12, 2010 for the Municipal Sewage Works.
- 2. Attached as "Exhibit A" is a copy of the ordinance.
- 3. The works that are the subject of the ordinances are (select one):
  - a. Water utility works
  - b. Wastewater utility works X
  - 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 approximately 35% applied to the total sewage bill.

- 5. The percentage difference to the total sewage bill varies based upon the amount of usage when usage is over 3 million gallons per month. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a chart illustrating the various consumption levels in 1,000 gallon increments with the corresponding surcharge.
- 6. Ted C. Ziemer, Jr., Attorney at Law, 20 N.W. First Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Evansville, Indiana, 47706, is counsel of record for Petitioner in this matter and is duly authorized to accept service of papers in this cause on behalf of the Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, The City of Evansville, Indiana, acting by and through its Water and Sewer Utility, requests that the Commission issue an Order approving the percentage rate and charge difference between property within and property outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Evansville and for other just and reasonable relief.

Ted C. Ziemer, Jr.

#### Verification

I, Ted C. Ziemer, Jr., attorney for the City of Evansville, affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signed:

Date:

Ted C. Ziemer, Jr.

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**EXHIBIT A** 

#### ORDINANCE NO. F - 2010 - 7 (Amended)

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Evansville, Indiana (the "City"), has heretofore constructed and has in operation a sewage works pursuant to IC 36-9-23 el seq. For the purpose of collecting and disposing of, in a sanitary manner, the sewage of the residents and other non resident users of the sewer utility of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City (the "Council") has previously by ordinance established the existing schedule of user rates and charges for sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the City has employed H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, LLP (the "Financial Advisor") to prepare a rate report reviewing the sufficiency of such existing rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Advisor has prepared and submitted a rate report (the "Rate Report") which concludes that existing rates and charges are insufficient to pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, including increases in such costs, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds, future bonds or other obligations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 36-9-23-26, this Council may change or adjust its existing schedule of fees by ordinance after providing notice and conducting a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-9-23-25 authorizes this Council to adopt by ordinance a just and equitable schedule of fees for sewer services rendered by the City's sewage works; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-9-23-25 authorizes this Council to exercise reasonable discretion in adopting different schedules of fees, or making classifications in schedules of fees, based upon variations in the costs, including capital expenditures, of furnishing services to various classes of users or to various locations, or the number of users in various locations; 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 sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the City has given notice of the public hearing on proposed rates as provided for in the Act; and

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WHEREAS, the public hearing was held before this Council on the date hereof, at which time testimony from interested persons was received, after introduction of this ordinance and as provided to in the Act.

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

SECTION 1, The Council hereby finds and determines that, based upon the Rate Report, the existing rates and charges are insufficient to pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, including increases in such costs, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds, future bonds or other obligations.

SECTION 2. The Council finds and determines that the proposed rates and charges as set forth in the Rate Report are just and equitable and therefore should be adopted.

SECTION 3. The Council finds and determines that the proposed rates set forth on Exhibit A hereto should be adopted.

SECTION 4. Section 13.05.280 (C) of the Evansville Municipal Code is hereby amended to reflect the rates, charges, and effective dates adopted by this Ordinance as shown on exhibit A.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in effect on and after its date of passage. For bills rendered on and after January 1, 2011, the rate shall be as shown on Exhibit A for phase I rates and January 1, 2012 for phase II rates.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Evansville on the 12 day of July, 2010.

> COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Presented by me to the Mayor of the Suly, 2010, at 11,00 o'clock A.m.	e City of Evansville on the 13 day of
	Ollyta Matlock
This ordinance approved and signed by n $11.30$ o'clock $a$ .m.	ne on the 14 day of Auly, 2010, at
	Om the Mayor
Approved as to Form:  Corporation Coursel	

# **EXHIBIT** A

# SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

(Attached)

#### SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES - INSIDE CITY

		Present	ent Proposed Rates		
INSIDE	CITY	Rates (1)	Phase I (2)	Phase II (3)	
Effective Date		11/01/09	01/01/11	01/01/12	
Base Ch	arge (Per Month)				
Meter Si	<del>78</del> :				
5/8	inch meter	\$3.13	\$3.42	\$3.80	
1	inch meter	7.98	8.70	9.66	
1 1/2	inch meter	17.96	19.58	21.73	
2	Inch meter	31.91	34.79	38.62	
3	inch meter	71.83	78.30	86.91	
4	inch meter	127.71	139.21	154.52	
6	inch meter	287.34	313.21	347.66	
8	inch meter	510.80	556.78	618.03	
10	inch meter .	798.13	869.97	965.67	
Volumet	ric Rute (Per 1,000 Gallons)				
Pirst	50,000	\$4.82	\$5.25	\$5.83	
Next	950,000	3.31	3.61	4,01	
Next	2,000,000	2.78	3.03	3.36	
Over	3,000,000	2.78	3.03	3.36	
Covernmental Users (Per 1,000 Gallons)					
First	1,000	\$7.67	\$8.36	\$9.28	
All over	1,000	2.52	2.75	3.05	
Property Not Using Water (Per Month)					
Any unmetered user		\$41.68	\$45.43	\$50.43	

<sup>(1)</sup> Rates were approved by the Common Council on October 12, 2009 pursuant to Ordinance F-2009-12.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Proposed Phase I Rates assume a 9% across-the-board increase over present rates and charges

<sup>(3)</sup> Proposed Phase II Rules assume a 11% across-the-board increase over Phase 1 rates and charges

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(Cont'd) SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES - OUTSIDE CITY

		Present	Propo	sed Rates
OUTS	IDE CITY	Rates (1)	Phase I (2)	Phase II (3)
Effecti	ve Date	11/01/09	01/01/11	01/01/12
Base C	Charge (Per Month)			
Meter	Size:			
5/8	inch meter	\$ 4.20	\$4.58	\$5.08
1	inch meter	10.78	11.76	13.05
1 1/2	inch meter	24,25	26.44	29.35
2	inch meter	43.09	46.97	52.14
3	inch meter	96.97	105.70	117.33
4	inch meter	172.39	187.91	208.58
6	inch meter	387.91	422.83	469.34
8	inch meter	689.60	751.6 <b>7</b>	834.35
10	inch meter	1,077.48	1,174.46	1,303.65
Volume	etric Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)	\$6.51	\$7.10	\$7.88
First	50,000			
Next	950,000	4.47	4.87	5.41
Next	2,000,000	3.76	4.10	4.55
Over	3,000,000	2.78	3.03	3.36
Govern	mental Users (Per 1,000 Gallons)			
First	1,000	\$10.37	\$11.30	\$12.54
All over	1,000	340	3.71	4.12
Propert	y Not Using Water (Per Month)			
Any uun	netered user	\$56.26	\$61.32	\$68.07

Rates were approved by the Common Council on October 12, 2009 pursuant to Ordinance F-2009-12.
 Proposed Phase I Rates assume a 9% across-the-board increase over present rates and charges

<sup>(3)</sup> Proposed Phase II Rates assume a 11 % across-the-board increase over Phase I rates and charges

### **EXHIBIT B**

# COMPARISON OF INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY SEWAGE RATES AND CHARGES

Consumption	Ref.	Inside City User	Outside City User	% Surcharge
(Gals.)				- Surcharge
(Guisi)				
1,000	(1)	\$9.63	\$12.96	35%
2,000	(1)	15.46	20.84	35%
3,000	(1)	21.29	28.72	35%
4,000	(1)	27.12	36.60	35%
5,000	(1)	32.95	44.48	35%
6,000	(1)	38.78	52.36	35%
7,000	(1)	44.61	60.24	35%
8,000	(1)	50.44	68.12	35%
9,000	(1)	56.27	76.00	35%
10,000	(1)	62.10	83.88	35%
100,000	(2)	578.91	781.83	35%
1,000,000	(2)	4,187.91	5,650.83	35%
2,000,000	(2)	7,547.91	10,200.83	35%
3,000,000	(2)	10,907.91	14,750.83	35%
5,000,000	(2)	17,627.91	21,470.83	22%
10,000,000	(2)	34,427.91	38,270.83	11%
20,000,000	(2)	68,027.91	71,870.83	6%
30,000,000	(2)	101,627.91	105,470.83	4%

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes a 5/8 inch meter.

<sup>(2)</sup> Assumes a 3 inch meter.