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STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF RATE)	
AND CHARGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN)	
PROPERTY WITHIN AND PROPERTY)	CAUSE NO.
OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES)	
OF VINCENNES, INDIANA, AND ITS)	
UTILITY SERVICES BOARD {MUNICIPALITY})	

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 8-1.5-3-8.3(c), Petitioner, the City of Vincennes, Indiana and its Utility Services Board, by counsel, respectfully petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") for approval of the rate and charge difference between property within and property outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Vincennes, Indiana {Municipality}. 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 March 25, 2002.
- 2. Attached as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" are copies of the pertinent Ordinances.
- 3. The works that is the subject of the Ordinance is a (select one):
 - a. water utility works _____
 - b. wastewater utility works _____
 - c. both water and wastewater utility works \underline{X}
- 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 fifty percent (50%) figure is across the board regardless of 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. J. David Roellgen and L. Edward Cummings are counsel of record for Petitioners in this matter and are duly authorized to accept service of papers in this cause on behalf of Petitioners.

WHEREFORE, the City of Vincennes, Indiana, and its Utility Services Board request 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 Vincennes, Indiana {Municipality} and for other just and reasonable relief.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF VINCENNES, INDIANA and its UTILITY SERVICES BOARD

War A David Roellgen

L. Edward Cummings

Attorneys for Petitioners

Verification

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

Attorney for the City Of Vincennes Signed Date: May 31, 2012

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EXHIBIT

CITY OF VINCENNES, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF VINCENNES, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE VINCENNES MUNICIPAL SEWAGE WORKS PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE §36-9-23-25, REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THEREWITH

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §36-9-23-25 confers upon the City of Vincennes, Indiana ("City") the power to amend the rates and fees charged by the Vincennes Municipal Sewage Works ("Municipal Sewage Works"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Vincennes Common Council ("Common Council") has studied the operating revenues and expenses of the Municipal Sewage Works, held a public hearing on <u>March 11</u>, 2002 pursuant to Indiana Code §36-9-23-26 on the rates and charges of the Municipal Sewage Works and received a report at the public hearing on the same from its financial advisor, Crowe, Chizek and Company, LLP; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that certain improvements and extensions to the Municipal Sewage Works are necessary and that plans, specifications and estimates have been or will be prepared, filed and submitted to all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the improvements and extensions, including, without limitation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, by the engineers employed by the City for the construction of said improvements and extensions ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project, including estimated incidental expenses, is estimated to be Twenty Seven Million Dollars (\$27,000.000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City has authorized the issuance of additional revenue bonds to provide funds to pay for the Project and, if necessary, bond anticipation notes to be used to apply to the costs of the Project, pursuant to Ordinance No. ______-2002, which ordinance became effective on March 25 ______; 2002 ____; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to provide Sewage service to property residences and buildings both inside and outside of the City's corporate boundaries and that users whose serviced property is within the City's corporate limits should be charged lower rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to require that property lying three hundred (300) feet from a sewer lateral hook into the Municipal Sewage Works, and for setting reasonable penalties and assessments against a property owner for not hooking into the Municipal Sewage Works; and WHEREAS, the Common Council has found that revenues from the existing wastewater sewage treatment rates and charges are insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the additional revenue bonds needed for the Project, and the Common Council now finds that the current rates and charges should be increased and that prior ordinances setting forth the rates and charges of the Municipal Sewage Works should be repealed and replaced by a new ordinance.

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

Section 1. Ordinance Amendment.

(a) Section 51.004 of the City of Vincennes Code of Ordinances, regarding owner responsibility for installation of suitable toilet facilities, is hereby amended by replacing the existing Section 51.004 in its entirety with the following text:

§ 51.004 OWNER RESPONSIBILITY TO INSTALL SUITABLE TOILET FACILITIES.

The owner of any house, building or property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes situated within the City and abutting any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now or may in the future be located a public sewer or combined sewer of the City, is required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect those facilities directly with proper public sewers in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

(b) Sections 51.021 through 51.026 of the City of Vincennes Code of Ordinances, regarding private sewage disposal systems, is hereby amended by replacing existing Sections 51.021 through 51.026 in their entirety with the following Sections 51.021 through 51.027:

§51.021 CONNECTING BUILDING SEWER TO PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.

Where a public sanitary or combined sewer is not available under the provisions of §51.004, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with all the provisions of this Chapter.

§51.022 PERMIT AND INSPECTION.

Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall first obtain a written permit signed by the Superintendent. A permit and inspection fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be paid to the Vincennes Sewer Department at the time the application is filed. A permit for a private sewage disposal system shall not become effective until the installation is completed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. He shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and, in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the Superintendent when the work is ready for final inspection, and before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of notice by the Superintendent.

§51.023 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The type, capacities, location and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the State Board of Health. No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than 20,000 square feet. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any natural outlet.

§51.024 CONNECTING PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM TO PUBLIC SEWER.

At a time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system as provided in §51.004, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this Chapter and any septic tanks, cesspools and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

§51.025 MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the City.

§51.026 NONINTERFERENCE WITH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

No statement contained in this chapter shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the Health Officer.

§51.027 FILLING CESSPOOLS AND VAULTS; CLEANING UPON NOTIFICATION

(A) No owner of real estate in the City shall fill any open cesspool or privy vault with dirt without first having covered the contents of that vault or cesspool with quick lime to a depth of not less than three (3) inches.

(B) No person shall permit any privy vault or cesspool within the City to become filled to within less than three (3) feet of the surface of the ground. All privy vaults must be deodorized and disinfected that they shall emit no noxious gases or offensive odors.

(C) Whenever a privy vault or cesspool emits odors or becomes too full or needs reconstruction, the owner, occupant or agent of the premises shall disinfect or clean and reconstruct within five (5) days after receiving written or printed notice to do so from the Board of Health. If the notice is not complied with, it shall be the duty of the Board of Health to employ some person to execute its order at the expense of the occupant, owner or agent and shall also commence proceedings before the Mayor.

(c) The provisions of Sections 51.081 through 51.089 of the City of Vincennes Code of Ordinances regarding Sewer Rates and Charges is hereby amended by deleting Sections 51.081 through 51.089 of the City of Vincennes Code of Ordinances in their entirety and replacing them with the revised Sections 51.081 through 51.089 as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances</u>. The provisions of all other City ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof, if any, are of no further force or effect and are hereby repealed.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Severability</u>. The sections and subdivisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separate and several and if any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and remain in full force and effect and until its repeal by ordinance, and the rates and charges herein shall become effective on March 25, 2002 and shall be implemented commencing with the bills due May 26, 2002.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Construction of Clause Headings</u>. The clause headings appearing herein have been provided for convenience and reference and do not purport and shall not be deemed to define, limit or extend the scope or intent of the clause to which they appertain.

Adopted this <u>25</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2002.

CITY OF VINCENNES COMMON COUNCIL

Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Vincennes, upon this <u>25th</u> day of <u>March</u>. 2002, at the hour of <u>7</u>: <u>30</u> p.m.

Clerk/Treasurer

This ordinance signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Vincennes, upon this <u>25th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2002, at the hour of <u>7:30 p.m.</u>

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<u>EXHIBIT A</u>

§51.081 ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

The Sewer Department shall impose rates and charges to be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with the City's Sewage Works or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids either directly or indirectly into the City's Sewage Works, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be determined as follows:

- (1) 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 may be measured by the water meter there in use, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter.
- (2) Sewage service rates, based upon the amount of water used, shall be as follows:

	Inside City	Outside City
<u>Metered Rates (per 100 cubic feet)</u>	\$4.39	\$6.59

(3) The minimum charge for sewage services where the use is a metered water consumer shall be based upon the size of the water connection and shall also be as follows:

Base Charge per Month	Inside City	Outside City
5/8 Inch Meter	4.22	6.33
3/4 Inch Meter	4.22	6.33
1 Inch Meter	10.80	16.20
1 ½ Inch Meter	24.31	36.47
2 Inch Meter	43.21	64.82
3 Inch Meter	97.23	145.85
4 Inch Meter	172.85	259.28
6 Inch Meter	388.92	583.38

(4) The charge for sewage services for single-family domestic users who are not metered water consumers shall be Thirty-Nine and 34/100 Dollars (\$39.34) for users located within the City's corporate boundaries and Fifty-Nine and 01/100 Dollars (\$59.01) for users located outside of the City's corporate boundaries.

(5) These rates and charges shall be prepared and billed by the City and shall be collected in the manner provided by law and ordinance.

§51.082 DETERMINATION OF CHARGE BY CITY

(A) In the event a lot, parcel of real estate or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids into the City's Sewage Works, either directly or indirectly, is not a user of water supplied by the City's waterworks, and the water used thereon or therein is not measured by a water meter, or is measured by a water meter not acceptable to the City, then the City, at the owner or other interested parties' expense, shall install and maintain meters, weirs, volumetric measuring devices or any adequate and approved method of measurement acceptable to the City, said meter shall be and remain the property of the City. The City shall also have the right to read, inspect and maintain said meter at all reasonable hours.

(B) In the event a lot, parcel of real estate or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids into the City's Sewage Works, either directly or indirectly, is a user of water meter or is measured by a meter not acceptable to the City, then the City, at the owner or other interested parties expense, shall install and maintain meters, weirs, volumetric measuring devices or any adequate and approved method of measurement acceptable to the City, said meter shall be and remain the property of the City. The City shall also have the right to read, inspect and maintain said meter at all reasonable hours.

(C) In the event a lot, parcel of real estate or building discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids into the City's Sewage Works, either directly or indirectly, uses water in excess of 1,000 cubic feet per month, and it can be shown, to the satisfaction of the City, that a portion of the water measured by the water meter or meters does not and cannot enter the City's Sewage Works, then the City, then the City shall, at the owner or other users' expense, install and maintain a meter or meters acceptable to the City in such a manner as to determine the quantity of water actually entering the City's Sewage Works, and the customer shall be billed only for that measured quantity of water entering the City's Sewage System so determined, said meter shall be and remain the property of the City. The City shall also have the right to read, inspect and maintain said meter at all reasonable hours.

(D) In the event two or more dwelling units, such as trailers, mobile homes, apartments or housekeeping rooms, discharging sanitary sewage, water or other liquids into the City's Sewage System, either directly or indirectly, are users of water and the quantity of water is measured by single water meter, then in such case billing shall be for a single service in the manner set out elsewhere herein, except that an additional charge shall be added thereto, in the amount of \$4.90 per month for each dwelling unit over one served through the single water meter. In the case of trailer or mobile home parks, the number of dwelling units shall be interpreted as the maximum capacity for trailers or mobile homes in said park, plus any other dwelling units served through the meter. A dwelling unit shall be interpreted as a room or rooms or other living space or spaces in which cooking facilities are provided.

§51.083 CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS BY THE CITY

In order that the domestic and residential users of sewage service shall not be (A) penalized for sprinkling lawns from May 15 to September 15 annually ("Sprinkler Usage Period"), the billing for sewage service for residences and/or domestic users for the Sprinkler Usage Period shall be based upon the water usage for the user's previous usage for the months of December, January, February and March. In the event the water usage for said previous months of December, January, February and March is greater than the usage during the Sprinkler Usage Period, then the billing for sewage services shall be computed on the actual water used in the month for which the sewage service bill is being rendered. Domestic and/or residential sewage service as applicable to the sprinkling rate shall apply to each lot, parcel of real estate or building which is occupied and used as a residence. Said sprinkling rate shall not apply to any premises which are partially or wholly used for commercial or industrial purposes. In the event a portion of such premises shall be used for commercial or industrial purposes, the owner shall have the privilege of separating the water service so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a separate meter and in such case the water usage registered by the water meter serving such portion of the premises used for residential purposes would qualify under the sprinkling rate.

(B) Except for billings to multiple users such as apartment houses, trailer or mobile home parks and housekeeping rooms, the City's Sewer Department rates and charges may be billed to the tenant or tenants occupying the properties served, unless otherwise requested in writing by the owners, but such buildings shall in no way relieve the owner from liability in the event payment is not made as herein required. The owners of the properties served which are occupied by tenants shall have the right to examine the collection records of the City and/or the Sewer Department for the purpose of determining whether such rates and charges have been paid by such tenants, provided that such examinations shall be made at the office where the records are kept and during the hours that the office is regularly open for the transaction of business.

(C) For the service rendered to the City, the City shall be subject to the same rates and charges as provided by this subchapter or consistent therewith.

§51.084 BASIS FOR RATES AND CHARGES

(A) In order that the City's Sewer Department rates and charges be justly and equitably adjusted to the service rendered, the City's Sewer Department shall base its charges not solely on volume, but also on the strength and character of the sewage and wastes which it is required to treat and dispose of. Tile uses are hereby required to measure and determine the strength and content of all sewage and wastes discharged, either directly or indirectly, into the City's Sewage Works 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.

(B) Charges shall be based on the, strength of the sewage and liquid wastes as determined by analysis of samples taken as above stated or taken from time to time by the City. The strength and character of the sewage and wastes shall be based on the quantity of suspended solids and five day biochemical oxygen demand, determined on samples of the sewage and wastes, sampled and determined in accordance with the latest copy of "Standard Methods of Analysis for Water, Sewage and Industrial Wastes" as published by the American Public Health Association. A surcharge shall be imposed when the suspended solids or five day biological oxygen demand exceeds 170 milligrams per liter. This surcharge shall be an amount equal to 49/100 Dollars (\$.49) per pound of suspended solids or five (5) day biological oxygen demand in excess of 170 milligrams per liter for users of the City's Sewage Works located within the City's corporate boundaries. For users of the City's Sewage Works located outside of the City's corporate boundaries, said surcharge shall be 74/100 Dollars (\$.74) per pound of suspended solids or five (5) day biological oxygen demand in excess of 170 milligrams per liter. The surcharge shall be adjusted annually based upon the annual cost of waste water treatment per pound of suspended solids and five day biochemical oxygen demand for the previous year.

§51.085 EXTENSION OF LOCAL AND LATERAL SEWERS

The City, through its Sewer Department, has extended local and lateral sewers to areas outside of the City's corporate boundaries. In consideration of the costs involved in providing service to property outside of the City's corporate boundaries, and the responsibility of the City to its residents to provide efficient sewer service, the City shall have the authority to set separate rates for users based upon whether the location of serviced property lies inside or outside the City's corporate boundaries. Upon the annexation by the City of any property serviced by the Sewer Department, any rates charged to the owner of property by the Sewer Department shall reflect the rates charged to Sewer Department customers inside of the City's corporate boundaries as of the effective date of such annexation.

§51.086 REQUIRED CONNECTION

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(A) Pursuant to Ind. Code §36-9-23-30, the City and the Sewer Department may impose its rates and charges on a property owner who has failed and/or refused to connect to the City's Sewage Works when (i) the City has provided written notice to the effected property owner that the City's Sewage Works has an available sanity sewer within three hundred (300) feet of the owner's property line, and (ii) provided a specific date in the above referenced written notice on which the customer must connect to the City's Sewage Works ("Connection Date"), provided that said Connection Date is at least ninety (90) days subsequent to the giving of written notice concerning connection. The notice of Connection Date must be given by certified mail and the Sewer Department's rates and charges shall begin to accrue on the Connection Date.

(B) Upon the failure of a property owner to connect to an available sanity sewer within three hundred (300) feet of his property line, the City and the Sewer Department may establish, enforce, and collect reasonable penalties for failure to make a connection pursuant to this subchapter. In addition, the City may apply to the Circuit or Superior Court of Knox County to seek an order to require a connection to the City's Sewage Works. In addition, pursuant to Ind. Code §36-9-23-31(d), the City shall have the right to seek the costs of any action and the reasonable attorneys fees of the City and the Sewer Department against any property owner in an action under this subchapter.

§51.087 CONNECTION CHARGE FOR CITY CONSTRUCTION

In the event of future extensions of local and lateral sewers to any areas in or about the City, such connection charges shall be equivalent to the cost of installation of such sewers.

§51.088 TAP FEE AND INSTALLATION

The Sewer Department shall provide the connecting spur from the sewer to the property line of the user. Such tap of a sewer line will consisting of tapping the sewer, construction of a connecting spur, pavement replacement and any other work in connection therewith. The customer shall reimburse the Sewer Department for the labor, material and overhead in connection therewith, and such charge shall be not less than Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$680.00) (\$650.00 plus a \$30 inspection fee). The tap charge shall be paid prior to the beginning of the work.

§51.089 DELINQUENT CHARGES AND FEES

All sewer charges and fees become delinquent if not paid on or before the last date noted on the water utility bill for final payment of the water and sewer bill or separate sewer bill if the water utility is not utilized by the sewer customer. On that date a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the delinquent fees shall be assessed as will a Five Dollar (\$5.00) service charge, a recording fee, and a release fee in order to allow the city to enforce delinquent sewer fees by utilizing the statutory lien process. If the fee is collected pursuant to civil action the city may recover its reasonable attorney fees.

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CITY OF VINCENNES, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2002

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF VINCENNES, INDIANA FOR THE USE OF SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF VINCENNES MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE §8-1.5-3-8

WHEREAS, Ind. Code §8-1.5-3-8 confers upon the City of Vincennes, Indiana ("City") the power to approve and amend the rates and fees charged by the Vincennes Municipal Waterworks ("Municipal Waterworks"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the City's Municipal Waterworks has recommended to the City of Vincennes Common Council ("Common Council") that the amended rates and charges contained in this Ordinance be adopted by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City, the Municipal Waterworks and the Municipal Waterworks' rate payers that the cost and value of maintaining fire hydrants and other facilities for fire protection by the City should be excluded from the rates and charges assessed against the City by the Municipal Waterworks and instead should be recovered from the rates and charged to customers of the Municipal Waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has studied the operating revenues and expenses of the Municipal Waterworks, held a public hearing on <u>March 11</u>, 2002, pursuant to Ind. Code §8-1.5-3-8.1, on the rates and charges of the Municipal Waterworks and received a report at the public hearing on the same from its financial advisor, Crowe, Chizek and Company, LLP; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Municipal Waterworks, plans to provide water service to property, residences and buildings both inside and outside of the City's corporate boundaries and the users whose serviced property lies within the City's corporate limits should be charged lower rates and charges for water service provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code Chapter 8-1.5-3, the Municipal Waterworks has been removed from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has found that revenues from the existing Municipal Waterworks' rates and charges are insufficient to enable the City and its Municipal Waterworks to properly operate and maintain its waterworks plant, provide for depreciation, service outstanding and any proposed indebtedness and finance necessary extensions and improvements to the Municipal Waterworks system, and the Common Council now finds that the current rates and charges should be increased and that prior ordinances setting forth rates and charges of the Municipal Waterworks inconsistent with this Ordinance should be repealed and replaced by a new ordinance.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Rates and Changes</u>. The provisions of any ordinance or resolution passed by the City of Vincennes, Indiana, or the Board of Trustees of its Municipal Water Utility, inconsistent with the rates and charges set forth below is hereby amended as follows:

A. Monthly Water Usage

1. <u>Block Rate</u>

The following block rates (subject to the monthly minimum provided in Section 1.A.2 of this Ordinance) apply to cubic feet ("cu. ft.") of metered water usage on a monthly basis:

	Rates <u>Inside City</u>	Rates <u>Outside City</u>
Per Month ndred Cubic Feet)		
1,500 Cubic Feet	\$1.14	\$1.71
2,500 Cubic Feet	0.99	1.49
4,000 Cubic Feet	0.85	1.28
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Billings will be based on 100 cu. ft. units. Any fractional part of a 100 cu. ft. unit used as of the date on which the meter is read will be billed as water usage for the next succeeding monthly billing period.

2. <u>Monthly Minimum</u>

The monthly minimum charge per meter shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8 inch meter	\$6.90	\$10.35
3/4 inch meter	6.90	10.35
1 inch meter	14.12	21.18
1 ½ inch meter	28.94	43.41
2 inch meter	49.68	74.52
3 inch meter	108.95	163.43
4 inch meter	191.91	287.87
6 inch meter	428.97	643.46

B. <u>Fire Protection</u>

1. <u>Annual Fire Protection Service</u>

The annual minimum charge for fire protection services (in the form of an annual sprinkler charge) shall be as follows:

	Inside City	Outside City
2 inch connection	\$15.48	\$23.22
3 inch connection	35.17	52.76
4 inch connection	61.90	92.85
6 inch connection	140.69	211.04
8 inch connection	250.43	375.65
10 inch connection	391.12	586.68
12 inch connection	562.76	844.14

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C. <u>Collections</u>

All bills for water service or for public or private fire protection are due and payable within fifteen (15) days from the date of the bill. A collection charge of ten percent (10%) will be added to all bills amounting to Three Dollars (\$3.00) or less, plus three percent (3%) on the excess over Three Dollars (\$3.00) of all such bills amounting to more than Three Dollars (\$3.00), that are not paid on or within fifteen (15) days from the date of bill.

D. <u>Connection Charges</u>

The minimum charge for connecting to the Municipal Waterworks shall be as follows, payable at the time application for connection is made:

Meter Size 5/8" 3/4" or larger Charge \$350.00 Cost of installation but not less than \$350.00

E. Reconnection Charge

The charge for reconnecting to the Department's system after disconnection caused by failure of the customer to pay for water service shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

F. Meter Deposits

The meter deposits charge shall be as follows:

Charge
\$ 25.00
30.00
40.00
50.00
90.00
250.00
400.00
500.00

G. <u>After Hours Service Call</u>

The charge to a customer requesting service after regular hours of the Municipal Waterworks shall be \$17.50.

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H. Bad Check Charge

The charge for a check returned because of non-sufficient funds shall be \$12.50.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Rates Upon Annexation</u>. Upon the annexation by the City of any property serviced by the Municipal Waterworks, any rates charged to the owner of said property by the Municipal Waterworks shall reflect the rates charged to customers inside of the City as of the effective date of such annexation.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances</u>. The provisions of all other City ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof, if any, are of no further force or effect and are hereby repealed.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Severability</u>. The sections and subdivisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separate and several and if any part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

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<u>Section 6.</u> <u>Construction of Clause Headings</u>. The clause headings appearing herein have been provided for convenience and reference and do not purport and shall not be deemed to define, limit or extend the scope or intent of the clause to which they appertain.

Adopted this 25thday of March ____, 2002.

CITY OF VINCENNES COMMON COUNCIL

Presiding/

ATTEST

This ordinance signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Vincennes, upon this <u>25</u>th day of <u>March</u>, 2002, at the hour of <u>7</u>:<u>30 p</u>.m.

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