

**ORDINANCE 14-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND WATER SERVICE RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER, INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer has been advised that the water rates and charges are not sufficient to adequately operate and maintain the City's waterworks; and,

**WHEREAS**, a financial study of the existing rates and charges has been made by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, and the Common Council finds it necessary to increase said rates and charges;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana:

**Section 1.** That there shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Rensselaer the following rates and charges for customers **WITHIN** the City Limits of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

<b><u>Metered Rates Per Month:</u></b>		<b>Rates Per CCF</b>		
		<b><u>Effective</u></b> <b><u>January 1, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b> <b><u>January 1, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b> <b><u>January 1, 2023</u></b>
<b><u>100 Cubic Feet</u></b>				
First	300 cubic feet	\$ 7.31	\$ 7.61	\$ 7.84
Next	700 cubic feet	6.22	6.46	6.66
Next	2,000 cubic feet	5.19	5.40	5.56
Next	5,000 cubic feet	4.39	4.57	4.70
Next	15,000 cubic feet	3.69	3.83	3.94
Over	23,000 cubic feet	2.32	2.42	2.49

**Section 2.** That there shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Rensselaer the following rates and charges for customers **OUTSIDE** the City Limits of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system. Charges to users **OUTSIDE** the City Limits of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana will be at 125% of the rates and charges to users within the City Limits as follows:

<b><u>Metered Rates Per Month:</u></b>		<b>Rates Per CCF</b>		
		<b><u>Effective</u></b> <b><u>January 1, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b> <b><u>January 1, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b> <b><u>January 1, 2023</u></b>
<b><u>100 Cubic Feet</u></b>				
First	300 cubic feet	\$ 9.14	\$ 9.51	\$ 9.80
Next	700 cubic feet	7.77	8.08	8.32
Next	2,000 cubic feet	6.49	6.75	6.95
Next	5,000 cubic feet	5.49	5.71	5.88
Next	15,000 cubic feet	4.61	4.79	4.93
Over	23,000 cubic feet	2.90	3.02	3.11

**Section 3. Minimum Charges** - Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in Section 1 and Section 2 above:

Size of Meter	Effective January 1, 2021		Effective January 1, 2022		Effective January 1, 2023	
	Customer Rate	Customer Rate	Customer Rate	Customer Rate	Customer Rate	Customer Rate
	Within City	Outside City	Within City	Outside City	Within City	Outside City
5/8"	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 22.90	\$ 28.60	\$ 23.60	\$ 29.50
3/4"	29.50	36.90	30.70	38.40	31.60	39.60
1"	44.30	55.30	46.10	57.50	47.50	59.20
1 1/4"	73.40	91.70	76.30	95.40	78.60	98.30
1 1/2"	103.20	128.90	107.30	134.10	110.50	138.10
2"	147.00	183.80	152.90	191.20	157.50	196.90
3"	220.20	275.20	229.00	286.20	235.90	294.80
4"	293.60	366.90	305.30	381.60	314.50	393.00
6"	656.30	820.40	682.60	853.20	703.10	878.80

	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
<b>Fire Hydrants</b>			
Municipal hydrants - per hydrant - per annum	\$ 905.30	\$ 941.50	\$ 969.70
Private hydrants - per hydrant - per annum	905.30	941.50	969.70

	Effective January 1, 2021	Effective January 1, 2022	Effective January 1, 2023
<b>Private Fire Protection</b>			
2" fire line	\$ 301.90	\$ 314.00	\$ 323.40
4" fire line	402.90	419.00	431.60
6" fire line	905.30	941.50	969.70
8" fire line	1,617.20	1,681.90	1,732.40
10" fire line	2,504.70	2,604.90	2,683.00

**Section 4. Other Charges**

Reconnect Charges - Whenever service is turned off for non-payment of bill, or whenever for any reason beyond the control of the utility a reestablishment of service is required, a charge of \$25.00 during the normal business hours (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and \$100.00 after normal business hours will be made by the utility to cover a part of the cost of discontinuance and reestablishment of service.

Tap Charge - A tap charge shall be collected from each customer, prior to connection to the water system. This charge shall be \$1,000.00 for a 5/8" - 3/4" connection. For larger size connections, the charge shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the City for the labor, material, and overhead necessary for tapping the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including the curb stop), and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. In no event shall the charge for such connection be less than \$1,000.00.

Temporary Users - Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, etc., shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates hereinbefore set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

**Section 5.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict are repealed; provided, however, that the existing schedule of rates and charges for water service shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, acting as the Utility Board, shall approve the new schedule of rates and charges herein contained, and until such time as said Council may by order direct.

**Section 6.** The foregoing rates are sufficient to compensate the City of taxes that would have been paid on the utility property if it were privately owned. These funds in lieu of taxes shall be transferred to the City General Fund pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8. That the rates also provide for a return of investment in the plant as provided by Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.

**Section 7.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage in the manner provided by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer on this 12th day of October, 2020.

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Frieda Bretzinger, Clerk-Treasurer

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Stephen Wood, Mayor