

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 03

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 03 AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM
OF THE TOWN OF WINGATE, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Wingate, Indiana, (the “Town”) has established, acquired, and financed its Sewage Works for the purpose of providing for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage from inhabitants in and around the Town; and

WHEREAS, H J. Umbaugh and Associates, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, the financial advisers to the Town, has prepared a rate report concerning the current rates and charges of the Sewage Works (the “Report”) as in effect pursuant to the previous Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, based on the Report, the Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the Sewage Works do not produce sufficient revenues to pay all the legal and necessary expenses incident to the operation of such Sewage Works, including legal expenses, maintenance costs, operating charges, repairs, and to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital and funds for making extensions and replacement; and

WHEREAS, based on the Report, the council finds that the current rates and charges as enacted pursuant to the previous Ordinance do not produce an income sufficient to maintain the Sewage Works property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; and

WHEREAS, the Council find the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the Sewage Works must be increased in order to provide sufficient revenue to meet the requirements and that it is necessary to increase said rates and charges of the Sewage Works; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the rates and charges set forth herein, are based upon the cost of providing service to the customers of the Sewage Works and will enable the Town to meet its legal revenue requirements for the Sewage Works;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINGATE, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. 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 as follows:

Metered Rates Per Month

Between	0- 2000 gallons	\$44.20
Between	2000 to 5000 gallons	\$58.12
Over	5000 gallons	\$75.33

Minimum Charge Per Month

Customers with standing structures on individual properties whose meters are shut off valve pay 1/2 the stated minimum charge per month of \$44.20.

Apartment Complex

Flat Fee – per rental unit, laundry, maintenance \$44.20
room and office – per month
(Based on 2000 Gallons)

Payments not received by the bill due date shall incur a 10% penalty on unpaid balances.

Section 2. Wastewater Tap-on Fees: The standard residential fee for tapping onto the Town's wastewater utility system is \$500.00. The standard commercial fee for tapping on to the Town's wastewater utility system is \$1,000.00.

Section 3. Customer deposit \$75.00

If the deposit applies to a customer with both water and sewer service, then the customer shall pay only one deposit fee. In the event that deposit is for a rental unit \$75 deposit shall be collected from both the renter and the landlord.

Section 4. Non-sufficient funds fee - \$27.50.

If the non-sufficient funds applies to a bill that includes both water and sewer, then the customer shall pay only one NSF fee.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, including the previous Ordinances, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

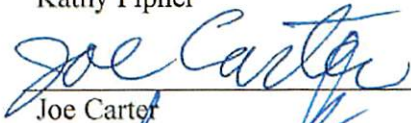
Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect with December 1, 2019 billing which will be for the consumption period from November 15, 2019 through December 15, 2019.

As adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wingate, Indiana on the 10 day of December 2019.

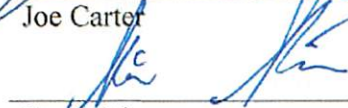
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