

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, INDIANA APPROVING AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY AUBURN MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn, Indiana (the “City”) owns and operates a municipal electric utility known as the Auburn Municipal Electric Department (the “Utility”) for the purpose of providing electric service to residential, commercial, and industrial customers within the City and contiguous areas located in Dekalb County, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Utility’s existing rates and charges for services were placed into effect following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-08 by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana (the “Common Council”) on June 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a revised schedule of rates and charges to produce sufficient revenue to pay expenses of maintenance and operation of the Utility, to provide funds for necessary replacements and improvements to the Utility, and to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding bonds in accordance with the ordinance authorizing such bonds;

WHEREAS, the City has engaged O.W. Krohn & Associates, LLP, to review the current rates and charges and prepare a rate study with various options for the City to adjust the rates for the Utility, which study has been completed and presented to the City;

WHEREAS, in order to establish nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and just rates, fund operations and maintenance, have adequate bond coverage, and to undertake the necessary replacements and improvements to the Utility, it will be necessary to adjust the electric rates and charges to the amounts as set forth herein;

WHEREAS, contemporaneous herewith, the City is considering withdrawing its Utility from the state regulatory jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (the “IURC”) over rates and charges, borrowing, and IURC rules and policies, pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-9.1, and the City desires that adoption of the rates set forth herein be contingent upon the withdrawal of the Utility from the jurisdiction of the IURC; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now desires to amend the rates and charges of the Utility with the rates and charges as set forth herein with such rates and charges becoming effective no earlier than the date that the City successfully completes the statutory process for removing the Utility from the jurisdiction of the IURC, which is expected to be for usage in September 2026 and bills rendered on or after October 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RATE SCHEDULE. Auburn City Code Section 51.03 is hereby amended by deleting the Section title, main Section text and Subsection A., replacing the deleted text, inserting a new Subsection B. and renumbering existing Subsections B. through E., all as set forth below:

51.03 SCHEDULE OF RATES; PAYMENT; CONTRACTS; OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES

A. **Monthly Rates and Charges.** There are established for the use of and the service rendered by the Auburn Municipal Electric Department, the following schedule of monthly base rates and charges, subject to existing customer classes and tracker mechanisms:

AUBURN MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY ELECTRIC BASE RATES AND CHARGES

Residential Single Phase Electric Service (RC-10)

Energy Charge	\$0.1040	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$10.00	per month

Residential Single Phase Electric Heat Service (RC-16)

Energy Charge	\$0.0950	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$17.00	per month

Large and Commercial Single Phase Electric Service (RC-20 & RC-30)

Energy Charge	\$0.1100	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$20.00	per month

Commercial Three Phase Electric Service (RC-35)

Energy Charge	\$0.1200	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$30.00	per month

Commercial Three Phase Electric Service (RC-39)

Energy Charge	\$0.0810	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$30.00	per month
Demand Charge	\$15.10	per kVa

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Primary and Secondary Voltage Large Power Service (RC-41 & RC-42)

Energy Charge	\$0.0815	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$70.00	per month
Demand Charge	\$15.10	per kVa

Standard: Primary and Secondary Voltage Large Power Service (RC-43 & RC-44)

Energy Charge	\$0.0750	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$70.00	per month
Demand Charge	\$15.10	per kVa

High Voltage Large Power Service (RC-45 & RC-45T)

Energy Charge	\$0.0620	per kWh
Customer Charge	\$250.00	per month
Demand Charge	\$15.10	per kVa

Municipal Street Lighting (RC-MSL)

Steel, fiberglass, or aluminum - underground per month per pole	\$17.40
Wood pole - overhead lines per month per pole	\$ 5.80

Private Outdoor Lighting (RC-OSL)

100 watt sodium vapor per month per bulb	\$5.35
175 watt mercury vapor per month per bulb	\$8.50
250 watt mercury vapor per month per bulb	\$11.10
400 watt sodium or mercury vapor per month per bulb	\$15.90
40 watt LED per fixture	\$4.89
72 watt LED per fixture	\$10.20
270 watt LED per fixture	\$14.62

B. Non-recurring Charges.

There are established for the use of and the service rendered by the Auburn Municipal Electric Department, the following schedule of non-recurring charges:

Customer Deposits Authorized in Section 51.01: Equal to 2 Months of Estimated Billing But Not Less Than:	\$120.00
New Connection Charges: Based upon Actual Cost of Installation of Meter & Appurtenances But Not Less Than (Also Applicable to Service Upgrades)	\$750.00
System Development Charge: paid per connection at the time of plat approval	\$2,000

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Disconnection / Reconnection Charges: During Regular Business Hours: After Regular Business Hours: Sundays and Holidays:	\$75.00 \$150.00 \$200.00
Bad Check Charge (per incident):	\$35.00
Late Payment Charge:	10% of the first \$3.00 and 3% of the excess over \$3.00.

C. Payment.

Bills are due and payable at the main office of the Auburn Electric Department within 15 days of the mailing date.

D. Contracts. Contracts under this rate will be for not less than one year for residential or farm customers, not less than three years for commercial or industrial customers, or not less than five years for other customers. In the case of customers contracting for four or more lamps apiece, the Auburn Electric Department reserves the right to include in the contract such other provisions as it may deem necessary to insure payment of bills throughout the term of the contract.

E. Hours of lighting.

All lamps shall burn from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise, every night and all night, or approximately 4,000 hours per year.

F. Ownership of facilities.

All facilities necessary for service including fixtures, controls, poles, transformers, secondaries, lamps, and other appurtenances shall be owned and maintained by the Auburn Electric Department. All services and necessary maintenance will be performed only during the regular scheduled working hours of the Auburn Electric Department. Burned-out lamps will normally be replaced within 24 hours after notification by the customer.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED. All prior ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for electric usage occurring in:

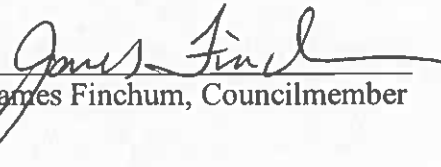
1. September 2026 that is billed on or after October 1, 2026; or
2. A month subsequent to September 2026 that is billed on or after the first day of the next, successive month;

if and only if the City successfully completes the statutory process for removing the Utility from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and following any publications required by Indiana law.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana this 19th
day of May, 2026.

By: 
James Finchum, Councilmember


ATTESTED BY:


LORRIE K. PONTIUS, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Auburn, Indiana this 19th day of May,
2026.


LORRIE K. PONTIUS, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AND SIGNED by me this 19th day of May, 2026.


DAVID E. CLARK JR., Mayor

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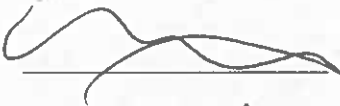
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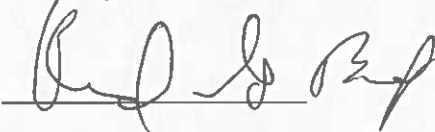
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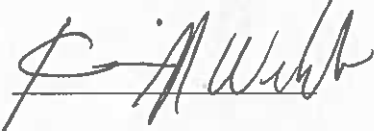
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