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AUBURN MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT**

SUMMARY

This ordinance proposes to adopt a new schedule of rates and charges for services rendered by the Auburn Municipal Water Department.

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

WHEREAS, the Utility’s existing rates and charges for services were placed into effect following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-06 by the Common Council of the City (the “Council”) on April 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously authorized the construction of improvements to the Utility to be financed by the issuance and sale of bonds of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to sell additional bonds on parity with its outstanding bonds in order to finance the cost of additional improvements to the Utility; and

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 and such proposed bonds in accordance with the ordinance authorizing such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City’s municipal advisor has prepared and presented to the Council a rate study with various options for the City to increase the rates for the Utility; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund operations and maintenance, have adequate bond coverage, and to undertake the necessary replacements and improvements to the Utility, it will be necessary to increase the water rates and charges to the amounts as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to amend the rates and charges of the Utility with the rates and charges as set forth in Exhibit A.

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

Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The rates and charges of the Utility is hereby amended and replaced with the rates and charges as set forth on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. All prior Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval 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 5th day of November, 2024.

By: 
JAMES FINCHUM, Councilmember

ATTESTED BY:


LORRIE K. PONTIUS, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Auburn, Indiana this 5th day of November, 2024.


LORRIE K. PONTIUS, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AND SIGNED by me this 5th day of November, 2024.


DAVID E. CLARK JR., Mayor

VOTING:

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Rod Williams



James Finchum



Dan Braun



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EXHIBIT A

**SCHEDULE OF NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR AUBURN, INDIANA MUNICIPAL
WATER UTILITY**

(see attached)

	Phase I (1/1/25)	Phase II (1/1/26)	Phase III (1/1/27)
INSIDE CITY LIMITS:			
<u>Flow Rate per 1,000 gallons</u>			
First 15,000 gallons	\$4.24	\$4.88	\$5.56
Next 185,000 gallons	4.12	4.74	5.40
Next 300,000 gallons	3.91	4.50	5.13
Over 500,000 gallons	3.35	3.85	4.39
<u>Base Charge per Month</u>			
5/8 -			
3/4 inch meter	\$5.34	\$6.14	\$7.00
1 inch meter	10.46	12.03	13.71
1 1/2 inch meter	20.94	24.08	27.45
2 inch meter	35.65	41.00	46.74
3 inch meter	77.60	89.24	101.73
4 inch meter	136.34	156.79	178.74
6 inch meter	304.19	349.82	398.79
8 inch meter	539.16	620.03	706.83
10 inch meter	841.28	967.47	1,102.92
12 inch meter	1,210.54	1,392.12	1,587.02
<u>Fire Protection Charge per Month</u>			
5/8 -			
3/4 inch meter	\$11.44	\$13.16	\$15.00
1 inch meter	29.27	33.66	38.37
1 1/2 inch meter	65.87	75.75	86.36
2 inch meter	117.08	134.64	153.49
3 inch meter	263.44	302.96	345.37
4 inch meter	468.34	538.59	613.99
6 inch meter	1,053.76	1,211.82	1,381.47
8 inch meter	1,873.33	2,154.33	2,455.94
10 inch meter	2,927.09	3,366.15	3,837.41
12 inch meter	4,215.05	4,847.31	5,525.93
<u>Private Fire Hydrants (Annual Rate)</u>	\$1,294.42	\$1,488.58	\$1,696.98
<u>Private Sprinklers - per Annum - per Connection</u>			
2 inch connection	\$143.71	\$165.27	\$188.41
3 inch connection	323.57	372.11	424.21
4 inch connection	575.14	661.41	754.01
6 inch connection	1,294.42	1,488.58	1,696.98
8 inch connection	2,301.26	2,646.45	3,016.95
10 inch connection	3,595.97	4,135.37	4,714.32
12 inch connection	5,177.95	5,954.64	6,788.29

	<u>Phase I</u> (1/1/25)	<u>Phase II</u> (1/1/26)	<u>Phase III</u> (1/1/27)
OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:			
(Outside City corporate boundaries rates and charges are approximately 14.9% higher than the rates and charges for customers inside City corporate boundaries.)			
<u>Flow Rate per 1,000 gallons</u>			
First 15,000 gallons	\$4.87	\$5.60	\$6.39
Next 185,000 gallons	4.73	5.44	6.20
Next 300,000 gallons	4.49	5.17	5.89
Over 500,000 gallons	3.85	4.42	5.04
<u>Base Charge per Month</u>			
5/8 -			
3/4 inch meter	\$6.13	\$7.05	\$8.04
1 inch meter	12.02	13.82	15.75
1 1/2 inch meter	24.06	27.67	31.54
2 inch meter	40.96	47.11	53.70
3 inch meter	89.16	102.54	116.89
4 inch meter	156.65	180.15	205.37
6 inch meter	349.51	401.94	458.21
8 inch meter	619.49	712.41	812.15
10 inch meter	966.63	1,111.62	1,267.26
12 inch meter	1,390.91	1,599.55	1,823.49
<u>Fire Protection Charge per Month</u>			
5/8 -			
3/4 inch meter	\$13.14	\$15.12	\$17.24
1 inch meter	33.63	38.68	44.09
1 1/2 inch meter	75.68	87.04	99.23
2 inch meter	134.52	154.70	176.36
3 inch meter	302.69	348.10	396.83
4 inch meter	538.12	618.84	705.47
6 inch meter	1,210.77	1,392.38	1,587.31
8 inch meter	2,152.46	2,475.33	2,821.88
10 inch meter	3,363.23	3,867.71	4,409.18
12 inch meter	4,843.09	5,569.56	6,349.29
<u>Private Fire Hydrants (Annual Rate)</u>	\$1,487.29	\$1,710.38	\$1,949.83
<u>Private Sprinklers - per Annum - per Connection</u>			
2 inch connection	\$165.12	\$189.70	\$216.48
3 inch connection	371.78	427.35	487.42
4 inch connection	660.84	759.46	866.36
6 inch connection	1,487.29	1,709.38	1,949.83
8 inch connection	2,644.15	3,038.77	3,466.48
10 inch connection	4,131.77	4,748.54	5,416.75
12 inch connection	5,949.46	6,838.88	7,799.75

MISCELLANEOUS FEES:

	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Public Drinking Fountain per Annum	\$118.66	\$136.46	\$155.56

Water Meter and Set Fee*

The following charge applies when all necessary connection parts except for the utility provided meter is installed.

3/4	inch meter	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
1	inch meter	75.00	75.00	75.00

*All meters will be charged at actual cost for the following: meter with remote, meter yoke, transportation and labor.

<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
(1/1/25)	(1/1/26)	(1/1/27)

The applicant shall pay in advance the following water tap charges, which shall include a corporation stop, curb stop, service box, copper tubing, backhoe, operator service and labor:

<u>Tap Size</u>		<u>Short Run</u>	<u>Short Run</u>	<u>Short Run</u>
1	inch & smaller tap	\$2,292.45	\$2,292.45	\$2,292.45
1 1/2	inch tap	2,632.35	2,632.35	2,632.35
2	inch tap	3,104.55	3,104.55	3,104.55
4	in. tap*	3,516.00	3,516.00	3,516.00
6	in. tap*	3,946.00	3,946.00	3,946.00
8	in. tap*	4,864.00	4,864.00	4,864.00
10	in. tap*	7,612.00	7,612.00	7,612.00
12	in. tap*	8,864.00	8,864.00	8,864.00

* For tap sizes 4"-12" the contractor/customer shall provide excavating and restoration at their cost.

<u>Tap Size</u>		<u>Long Run</u>	<u>Long Run</u>	<u>Long Run</u>
1	inch & smaller tap	\$6,220.83	\$6,220.83	\$6,220.83
1 1/2	inch tap	6,840.83	6,840.83	6,840.83
2	inch tap	7,185.93	7,185.93	7,185.93
4	inch tap	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	inch tap	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	inch tap	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	inch tap	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	inch tap	N/A	N/A	N/A

Non-Recurring Charges

The following non-recurring charges shall be made for the transaction and/or services as specifically set forth:

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Transmitter Installation Charge *	\$75	\$75	\$75
Frozen Meter Installation Charge **	100	100	100

* Customer shall be responsible for payment of standard service call fee, plus actual cost of the transmitter.

** In addition, the customer will pay to the utility the actual cost of the meter.

System Development Charge

5/8	inch meter	\$2,215	\$2,215	\$2,215
3/4	inch meter	3,323	3,323	3,323
1	inch meter	5,538	5,538	5,538
1 1/2	inch meter	11,075	11,075	11,075
2	inch meter	17,720	17,720	17,720
3	inch meter	35,440	35,440	35,440
4	inch meter	55,375	55,375	55,375
6	inch meter	110,750	110,750	110,750
8	inch meter	177,200	177,200	177,200
10	inch meter	465,150	465,150	465,150
12	inch meter	586,975	586,975	586,975