

ORDINANCE 4052

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS IN MULTIPLE-UNIT BUILDINGS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, that:

Section 1. Water Meter Installation

The installation of water meter(s) to monitor the water and sewer consumption in a multiple-unit building shall be pursuant to the requirements of this ordinance.

- A. **Installation of One Water Meter.** If one water meter is installed to monitor the water and sewer consumption in more than one unit in a multiple-unit building, the owner of the building must register the water and sewer services in the name of the owner, and the owner will be billed and shall be responsible for payment of all water and sewer charges.
- B. **Installation of Multiple Water Meters.** If multiple water meters are installed to monitor the water and sewer consumption in a multiple-unit building, the owner of the building must comply with one of the following requirements for the installation:
1. If the water and sewer services for the building are registered in the name of the owner, the owner will be billed and shall be responsible for payment of all water and sewer charges.
 2. The water and sewer services for each unit in the building may be registered in the name of the tenant, provided the owner agrees to install and maintain in working order, at the owner's expense, an outside curb stop valve for each water meter installed so that utility services to a unit can be independently shut off without disrupting utility services to the other units in the building.

Section 2. Existing Service

The water and sewer services for any multiple-unit building that does not have sufficient outside curb stop valves for each water meter installed so that utility services can be independently shut off without disrupting utility services to the other units in the building may be billed to the individual tenants provided that the water and sewer charges were billed to the individual tenants prior to November 1, 2001 and have been continuously billed to the individual tenants since November 1, 2001 except for periods that are no longer than two (2) years in duration. If an existing tenant moves from the building, the water and sewer services may be registered in the name of the new tenant provided the new tenant pays a deposit for water services as established by the current water rate ordinance and a deposit for sewer services as established by the current sewer rate ordinance.

Section 3. Access to Premises

The owner of a multiple-unit building and/or tenant shall grant employees of the Water and Sewer Utilities immediate access to each water meter when necessary for the purpose of inspecting, repairing, removing, or replacing the meter.

Section 4. Prior Ordinances

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict. This ordinance specifically repeals Ordinances 2951 and 3187.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption, approval and publication according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

This ordinance is duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana on February 5, 2002.

/s/ Allan Kauffman _____
Presiding Officer

Attest:

/s/ Nancy Hoke _____
Nancy Hoke, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance, having been passed by the Common Council, is presented by me to the Mayor for his approval on February 5, 2002.

/s/ Nancy Hoke _____
Nancy Hoke, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance, having been passed by the Common Council and presented to me is approved by me and duly adopted on February 5, 2002.

/s/ Allan Kauffman _____
Allan Kauffman, Mayor