

ORDINANCE 4547

GOSHEN SEWER UTILITY SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS the rates and charges for services of the Goshen Sewer Utility must produce an income sufficient to maintain the Sewer Utility in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient services to its customers.

WHEREAS the rates and charges for services of the Goshen Sewer Utility must be just and equitable.

WHEREAS a financial study of the Goshen Sewer Utility by H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, LLP, indicates that the certain rates and charges are not sufficient to meet the reasonable financial requirements of the Sewer Utility.

WHEREAS the Common Council finds it necessary to increase certain rates and charges for the services of the Goshen Sewer Utility.

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

SECTION 1. TITLE; APPLICATION

- 1.01 This ordinance shall be more commonly known as the "Goshen Sewer Utility Schedule of Rates and Charges."
- 1.02 The ordinance entitled, "Regulations Governing the Services of the Goshen Sewer Utility," as may be amended from time to time, prescribes fees for various services of the Goshen Sewer Utility. This ordinance establishes the fees to be charged by and paid to the Goshen Utilities Office for such services.
- 1.03 This ordinance also establishes a schedule of rates and charges for other services of the Goshen Sewer Utility.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to establish a schedule of rates and charges to be collected by the City of Goshen from the owners of property served by the City's sewer system and users of the waste water disposal system of the City of Goshen. Every person whose premises are served by the City's sewer system shall be charged for the services provided. These charges are established for each user class, as defined in the "Regulations Governing the Services of the Sewer Utility" ordinance, in order that the City's sewer system shall recover from each user and user class revenue which is proportional to its use of the treatment works in terms of volume and load. User charges are levied to defray the cost of operation and maintenance, including replacement, of the treatment works. User charges shall be uniform in magnitude within a user class.

SECTION 3. SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

3.01 **Monthly Sewer Rates and Charges.** Effective the first billing cycle after the effective date of this ordinance, each customer shall pay the monthly sewer rates and charges in accordance with the schedules set forth below.

(A) Metered Customers.

(1) Monthly Usage Charge. Each metered customer shall pay the following monthly usage charge based on the volume of sewage per one hundred (100) cubic feet discharged:

Usage Charge
\$5.00

(2) Monthly Service Charge. Each metered customer shall pay a monthly service charge in accordance with the following schedule based on the applicable size of meter installed. This service charge is in addition to the monthly usage charge.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capital (Meter)</u>	<u>Billing Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8" Meter	\$2.00	\$4.05	\$6.05
3/4" Meter	\$2.19	\$4.05	\$6.24
1" Meter	\$2.81	\$4.05	\$6.86
1 1/2" Meter	\$3.59	\$4.05	\$7.64
2" Meter	\$5.83	\$4.05	\$9.88
3" Meter	\$21.98	\$4.05	\$26.03
4" Meter	\$27.97	\$4.05	\$32.02
6" Meter	\$41.96	\$4.05	\$46.01
8" Meter	\$57.94	\$4.05	\$61.99

(B) Unmetered Customers.

(1) City Water Available. Each customer occupying an unmetered residential lot, parcel of real estate or building that has city water available shall pay the following monthly usage charge and monthly billing charge:

<u>Usage Charge</u>	<u>Billing Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$55.00	\$4.05	\$59.05

(2) City Water Not Available. Each customer occupying an unmetered residential lot, parcel of real estate or building that does not have city water available shall pay the following monthly usage charge and monthly billing charge:

<u>Usage Charge</u>	<u>Billing Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$35.00	\$4.05	\$39.05

3.02 **Monthly Sewer Rates and Charges.** Effective January 1, 2011, each customer shall pay the monthly sewer rates and charges in accordance with the schedules set forth below.

(A) Metered Customers.

- (1) Monthly Usage Charge. Each metered customer shall pay the following monthly usage charge based on the volume of sewage per one hundred (100) cubic feet discharged:

Usage Charge
\$5.30

- (2) Monthly Service Charge. Each metered customer shall pay a monthly service charge in accordance with the following schedule based on the applicable size of meter installed. This service charge is in addition to the monthly usage charge.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capital (Meter)</u>	<u>Billing Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/8" Meter	\$2.12	\$4.29	\$6.41
3/4" Meter	\$2.32	\$4.29	\$6.61
1" Meter	\$2.98	\$4.29	\$7.27
1½" Meter	\$3.81	\$4.29	\$8.10
2" Meter	\$6.18	\$4.29	\$10.47
3" Meter	\$23.30	\$4.29	\$27.59
4" Meter	\$29.65	\$4.29	\$33.94
6" Meter	\$44.48	\$4.29	\$48.77
8" Meter	\$61.42	\$4.29	\$65.71

(B) Unmetered Customers.

- (1) City Water Available. Each customer occupying an unmetered residential lot, parcel of real estate or building that has city water available shall pay the following monthly usage charge and monthly billing charge:

<u>Usage Charge</u>	<u>Billing Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$58.30	\$4.29	\$62.59

- (2) City Water Not Available. Each customer occupying an unmetered residential lot, parcel of real estate or building that does not have city water available shall pay the following monthly usage charge and monthly billing charge:

<u>Usage Charge</u>	<u>Billing Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$37.10	\$4.29	\$41.39

3.03 **Non-Recurring Charges.**

- (A) Service Deposits
 - (1) Residential Customers \$40.00
 - (2) Non-Residential Customers . . . \$40.00 or one-sixth (1/6) of the estimated annual billing for that location, whichever is greater
- (B) Late Payment Penalty 10% of the newly billed portion of the current month's bill

3.04 **Permit Fees.**

- (A) Building Sewer Construction Permit (90 day permit) \$50.00
- (B) Food Service Discharge Permit (1 year permit) \$100.00
- (C) Waste Hauler Discharge/Vehicle Permit (3 year permit)
 - (1) First vehicle under permit \$150.00
 - (2) Each additional vehicle under same permit \$30.00
- (D) Significant Industrial User Discharge Permit (permit not to exceed 5 years) . . . \$500.00

3.05 **Sewer Connection Fees.**

- (A) Residential Sewer Connection Fee
 - (1) If connection to a public main is made to an existing lateral or, where permitted, to a building sewer \$750.00
 - (2) If connection to a public main requires the installation of a lateral . . . \$1,400.00
- (B) Non-Residential Sewer Connection Fee
 - (1) Initial sewer connection fee \$0.05 per square foot, but not less than \$750.00
 - (2) Subsequent sewer connection fee \$750.00

3.06 **Inspection Fees.**

- (A) Sewer Connection Inspection Fee \$85.00
 - (1) In the event that more than one (1) connection is inspected on a single parcel of real estate at the same time, the Goshen Utilities Office may elect to charge a single inspection fee.
- (B) Reinspection Fee
 - (1) Reinspection due to improper installation of sewer main or building sewer \$85.00
 - (2) Reinspection due to insufficient exposure of sewer main or building sewer \$150.00

3.07 **Unauthorized Connection.**

- (A) Unauthorized Connection \$500.00
 - (1) If the sewer utility can establish that a greater fee should be charged by applying the schedule of rates and charges, then the greater fee shall be assessed.

3.08 **Surcharges.** The treatment surcharge shall be based on the formula set forth in the "Regulations Governing the Services of the Sewer Utility" ordinance. For the purposes of the formula, the following rates shall be applied:

- (A) bo \$0.11 per pound
- (B) So \$0.11 per pound
- (C) Po \$0.64 per pound
- (D) no \$0.41 per pound
- (E) Go \$0.57 per pound

3.09 **Pretreatment Charges.**

- (A) Septic Waste Treatment and Disposal Charge \$0.07 per gallon
- (B) Laboratory Analysis
 - (1) Significant industrial user sample \$170.00 per sample
 - (2) Non-significant industrial user sample
if performed by contract laboratory prevailing fee of the contract laboratory
 - (3) In-house fees
 - (a) BOD \$25.00 per sample
 - (b) TSS \$12.00 per sample
 - (c) Po4-P \$18.00 per sample
 - (d) pH \$5.00 per sample
 - (4) Composite sampling fee \$70.00 per sample

3.10 **Building Sewer Repair Program.**

- (A) Building Line Assessment \$0.70 per month
- (B) Building Sewer Claim Fee \$350.00 per claim

3.11 **Miscellaneous Charges.**

- (A) Non-Permitted Manufacturing/Industrial Surcharge \$0.002 per cubic foot
- (B) Food Preparation/Service Surcharge \$0.004 per cubic foot
 - (1) The food preparation/service surcharge will be waived if the facility implements best management practices to eliminate the discharge of fats, oil and grease as approved by the Environmental Compliance Administrator and the Board of Public Works and Safety.
- (C) Sewer Cleaning Service \$175.00 per hour,
but not less than \$700.00
- (D) Televisual Inspection Service
 - (1) Small push camera for 6" or smaller sewer \$200.00 per hour
 - (2) Large motorized camera for 8" or larger sewer \$1.20 per foot,
but not less than \$1,200.00
- (E) Catch Basin Maintenance Charge \$15.40 each catch basin

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 5. OTHER ORDINANCES

- 5.01 All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.
- 5.02 This ordinance amends Ordinance 4333, Section 18, Rates and Charges, subsection 18.10, Billing Procedures, paragraph (G), Late Payment Penalty.
- 5.03 This ordinance replaces the schedule of rates and charges set forth in Ordinance 4323 and Ordinance 4384.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions set forth in this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Goshen on September 28, 2009.

Allan Kauffman
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Tina M. Bontrager
Tina M. Bontrager, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED to the Mayor of the City of Goshen on September 29, 2009 at 3:30 a.m./p.m. (p.m.)

Tina M. Bontrager
Tina M. Bontrager, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Mayor of the City of Goshen on September 30, 2009.

Allan Kauffman
Allan Kauffman, Mayor