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ORDINANCE NO. 27-2013

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER CHARGES AND RATES AND
CAPITAL COST CHARGES FOR SEWAGE SERVICE
IN THE CITY OF LAPORTE**

WHEREAS, the Common Council now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the sewer utility of the City are low and not adequate to provide sufficient funds to maintain the utility; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8(c) requires that all rates be reasonable and charges for service must produce sufficient revenue to pay maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, interest charges on bonds or other obligations, provide for a sinking fund, provide for a debt service reserve for bonds or other obligations, provide for payment of any lease, provide money for adequate working capital, provide money for making extensions and replacements to the extent not provided for through depreciation and provide money for the payment of taxes that may be assessed against the utility; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for ongoing capital improvement and maintenance within the La Porte waste water utility; and,

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of La Porte, Indiana hereby determines that the following is to promote the public health, safety, prosperity, aesthetics, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of LaPorte and is designed to establish increased charges and rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of La Porte, Indiana:

SECTION 1.00 INTRODUCTION

- a. Interpretation-The interpretation and application, the provisions of the Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the City and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the statutes of the State of Indiana.
- b. Restrictions-The Ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair, or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, rules, regulations, ordinances or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, wherever the Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of the Ordinance shall govern.
- c. Repeal- All other ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City inconsistent or conflicting with the Ordinance, to the extent of the inconsistency only, are hereby repealed.

- d. Effective Date-Dates under Phase I of this ordinance will be effective for usage from 1/1/14 through 12/31/14. Rates under Phase II of this ordinance will be effective for usage on 1/1/15 through 12/31/15. Rates under Phase III of this ordinance will be effective for usage on 1/1/16 through 12/31/16. Rates under Phase IV of this ordinance will be effective for usage on 1/1/17 and thereafter.

That the following schedules of rates and charges are hereby adopted and approved and are in the best interests of the public served by the City of LaPorte, Indiana.

SECTION 2.00 USER CHARGES

Each user of the wastewater treatment works shall be billed the following user charges, and according to the definition of "Billable Flow" as set out in Section No. 1.09 - (9) of Ordinance No. 1760.

	<u>Phase I</u> (Effective 1/1/2014)	<u>Phase II</u> (Effective 1/1/2015)	<u>Phase III</u> (Effective 1/1/2016)	<u>Phase IV</u> (Effective 1/1/2017)
Unit user charges for wastewater treatment shall be billed at:				
Per thousand gallons of water used	\$1.730	\$1.817	\$1.908	\$2.003
Per pound of biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.)	0.639	0.671	0.705	0.740
Per pound of suspended solid (S.S.)	0.719	0.755	0.793	0.833
Per pound of ammonia (NH3)	1.468	1.541	1.618	1.699
Normal strength wastewater user cost charges per thousand gallons	3.087	3.241	3.403	3.573

Additionally, the unit user charges per pound of biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids shall be assessed for all wastewater exceeding normal domestic strength as follows:

	<u>Phase I</u> (Effective 1/1/2014)	<u>Phase II</u> (Effective 1/1/2015)	<u>Phase III</u> (Effective 1/1/2016)	<u>Phase IV</u> (Effective 1/1/2017)
Per pound of biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.)	\$0.253	\$0.266	\$0.279	0.293
Per pound of suspended solid (S.S.)	0.290	0.305	0.320	0.336
Per pound of ammonia (NH3)	0.587	0.616	0.647	0.679

MONTHLY CHARGES BASED ON WATER METER SIZE

Phase I - Effective 1/1/2014

Meter Size (inch)	Minimum Billable Usage (gallons)	Operation, Maintenance & Replacement Charges	Capital Cost Charges	Total Minimum Monthly Charges *
5/8	3,000	\$9.26	\$4.28	\$13.54 ✓
3/4	4,500	13.89	6.43	20.32 ✓
1	6,500	20.07	9.28	29.35 ✓
1-1/2	10,000	30.87	14.28	45.15 ✓
1-3/4	15,000	46.31	21.42	67.73 ✓
2	25,000	77.18	35.70	112.88 ✓
3	30,000	92.61	42.84	135.45 ✓
4	60,000	185.22	85.68	270.90 ✓
6	110,000	339.57	157.08	496.65 ✓
8	185,000	571.10	264.18	835.28 ✓

* Excluding handling charges

Phase II - Effective 1/1/2015

Meter Size (inch)	Minimum Billable Usage (gallons)	Operation, Maintenance & Replacement Charges	Capital Cost Charges	Total Minimum Monthly Charges *
5/8	3,000	\$ 9.72	\$ 4.50	\$ 14.22
3/4	4,500	14.58	6.75	21.33
1	6,500	21.07	9.74	30.81
1-1/2	10,000	32.41	14.99	47.40
1-3/4	15,000	48.62	22.49	71.11
2	25,000	81.03	37.48	118.51
3	30,000	97.23	44.97	142.20
4	60,000	194.46	89.94	284.40
6	110,000	356.51	164.89	521.40
8	185,000	599.59	277.32	876.91

* Excluding handling charges

SECTION 3.00 CAPITAL COST CHARGES

Each user of the wastewater treatment works shall be billed the following capital cost charges for each water meter account serving the user:

	Phase I (Effective 1/1/2014)	Phase II (Effective 1/1/2015)	Phase III (Effective 1/1/2016)	Phase IV (Effective 1/1/2017)
Unit capital cost charges wastewater treatment shall be billed at:				
Per thousand gallons of water used	\$0.781	\$0.820	\$0.861	0.904
Per pound of biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.)	0.372	0.391	0.411	0.432
Per pound of suspended solid (S.S.)	0.278	0.292	0.307	0.322
Per pound of ammonia (NH3)	0.681	0.715	0.751	0.789
Normal strength wastewater user cost charges per thousand gallons	1.428	1.499	1.574	1.653
TOTAL NORMAL STRENGTH WASTEWATER USER COST CHARGES PER THOUSAND GALLONS	\$4.515	\$4.740	\$4.977	\$5.226

Additionally, the unit user charges per pound of biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids shall be assessed for all wastewater exceeding normal domestic strength as follows:

	Phase I (Effective 1/1/2014)	Phase II (Effective 1/1/2015)	Phase III (Effective 1/1/2016)	Phase IV (Effective 1/1/2017)
Per pound of biochemical oxygen demand (B.O.D.)	\$0.147	\$0.154	\$0.162	\$0.170
Per pound of suspended solid (S.S.)	0.109	0.114	0.120	0.126
Per pound of ammonia (NH3)	0.273	0.287	0.301	0.316

SECTION 4.00 MINIMUM CHARGES

The following minimum charges for wastewater treatment are applicable to each user for each water meter account serving the user:

	Phase I (Effective 1/1/2014)	Phase II (Effective 1/1/2015)	Phase III (Effective 1/1/2016)	Phase IV (Effective 1/1/2017)
Unit handling charge per regular bill	\$3.480	\$3.654	\$3.837	\$4.029

Phase III - Effective 1/1/2016

Meter Size (inch)	Minimum Billable Usage (gallons)	Operation, Maintenance & Replacement Charges	Capital Cost Charges	Total Minimum Monthly Charges *
5/8	3,000	\$ 10.21	\$ 4.72	\$ 14.93
3/4	4,500	15.31	7.08	22.39
1	6,500	22.12	10.23	32.35
1-1/2	10,000	34.03	15.74	49.77
1-3/4	15,000	51.05	23.61	74.66
2	25,000	85.08	39.35	124.43
3	30,000	102.09	47.22	149.31
4	60,000	204.18	94.44	298.62
6	110,000	374.33	173.14	547.47
8	185,000	629.56	291.19	920.75

* Excluding handling charges

Phase IV - Effective 1/1/2017

Meter Size (inch)	Minimum Billable Usage (gallons)	Operation, Maintenance & Replacement Charges	Capital Cost Charges	Total Minimum Monthly Charges *
5/8	3,000	\$ 10.72	\$ 4.96	\$ 15.68
3/4	4,500	16.08	7.44	23.52
1	6,500	23.22	10.74	33.96
1-1/2	10,000	35.73	16.53	52.26
1-3/4	15,000	53.60	24.80	78.40
2	25,000	89.33	41.33	130.66
3	30,000	107.19	49.59	156.78
4	60,000	214.38	99.18	313.56
6	110,000	393.03	181.83	574.86
8	185,000	661.01	305.81	966.82

* Excluding handling charges

	<u>Phase I</u> (Effective 1/1/2014)	<u>Phase II</u> (Effective 1/1/2015)	<u>Phase III</u> (Effective 1/1/2016)	<u>Phase IV</u> (Effective 1/1/2017)
Minimum unit charge for normal strength wastewater per thousand gallons	\$4.52 ✓	\$4.75	\$4.99	\$5.24

SECTION 5.00 SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

The following shall be the rates for connection to any sewer lines in the city of LaPorte:

Residential - constructed prior to July 1, 1999	\$ 70.00
Other Residential, Commercial, Institutional and Governmental	\$ 700.00
Industrial	\$1,240.00

Such connection fee shall be deposited in the Depreciation Account of the Sewer Department for capital improvements.

SECTION 6.00 GRINDER PUMP SYSTEMS

Customers utilizing City of La Porte operated grinder pump systems powered by the customer's electrical system shall be discounted \$2.00 per month. Customers sharing grinder pump systems with other customers shall receive a proportional discount.

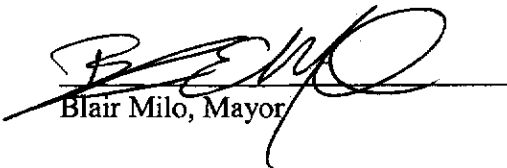
SECTION 7.00 PERMITTING FEES

Pretreatment Permit Application Fee: \$15
Pretreatment Permit Fee: \$150(three year permit)
Septic Discharge: \$75(2 year permit)

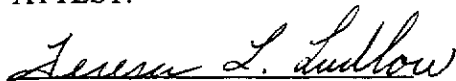
SECTION 8.00 That pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.1, a public hearing on rates and charges in now scheduled for the 4th day of November 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the La Porte Park and Recreation Department Office, 250 Pine Lake Avenue, La Porte Indiana. The Clerk-Treasurer will provide notice of such hearing pursuant to statute and will make all documents concerning such rate increase with the need for such rate increase available for inspection at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

SECTION 9.00 That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and signing by the Mayor, and that the 1st day of January, 2014 shall be the effective date for the implementation of rates contained herein.

4th **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Common Council of the City of La Porte, Indiana, this day of NOVEMBER, 2013.


Blair Milo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa L. Ludlow, Clerk-Treasurer

LABORATORY SERVICES

TEST	FEE
COLIFORM ANALYSIS	\$30.00
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