

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2000

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 18-96
ALSO KNOWN AS AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM
OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Plainfield has adopted Ordinance No. 18-96 titled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined to be in the best interest of the Town of Plainfield to amend certain provisions of said Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield that Ordinance No. 18-96 shall be amended as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-96

An Ordinance establishing rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield (the "Town") has authorized the making of extensions, additions, and improvements to the existing waterworks system of the Town for the purpose of providing a sufficient supply of water at proper pressure to the inhabitants of the Town and properly protecting the health, well-being and property of the Town and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, in order to procure the necessary funds to pay the cost of construction and installation of said extensions, additions and improvements, it is

necessary for the Town to issue and sell waterworks revenue bonds payable solely

out of the revenues of said waterworks system, which revenues under the existing schedule of rates and charges are insufficient to enable the Town to finance the needed extensions, additions and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees did adopt Ordinance No. 11-86 on November 24, 1986, which was amended by Ordinance No. 3-87 dated August 24, 1987 (collectively, the “Prior Ordinances”), establishing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks system of the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to repeal and replace the Prior Ordinances in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a new schedule of rates and charges so as to produce sufficient revenue to pay expense of maintenance and operation, and to provide funds for necessary replacements and improvements to the waterworks system, and to pay the principal and interest on proposed revenue bonds in accordance with the applicable bond ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, INDIANA:

Section 1. There is hereby established the following rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Plainfield to become effective on the first full billing period commencing on January 1, 2001. Such rates or charges shall be based upon the following criteria:

<u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u> <u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Gallons</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Minimum</u> <u>Monthly</u> <u>Charge</u>
5/8 inch	2,000	\$ 5.20
3/4 inch	3,608	8.71
1 inch	5,673	13.06
1 1/2 inch	10,106	21.75
2 inch	15,639	32.59
3 inch	21,333	43.46
4 inch	47,227	86.93
6 inch	104,827	173.95
8 inch	225,762	336.22

For All Usage Per Month
Rate Per 1,000 Gallons

First 2,000 gallons	\$2.60 per 1,000 gallons
Next 3,000 gallons	2.18 per 1,000 gallons
Next 15,000 gallons	1.96 per 1,000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	1.74 per 1,000 gallons
Next 60,000 gallons	1.52 per 1,000 gallons
Next 100,000 gallons	1.41 per 1,000 gallons
All over 200,000 gallons	1.09 per 1,000 gallons

Fire Protection Service

For each fire hydrant per annum

Municipal	\$434.44
Private	\$217.22

Fire Sprinkler System Per Annum
Sprinkler Connection Size

1 inch	\$	12.17
1 ¼ inch		18.91
1 ½ inch		27.15
2 inch		48.22
3 inch		108.62
4 inch		193.11
6 inch		434.44
8 inch		773.64
10 inch		1,207.74
12 inch		1,737.77

Tap On Charges

Per Connection

5/8 or ¾ inch meter (single tap)	\$251.40
5/8 or ¾ inch meter (double tap)	\$291.56
Over ¾ inch meter	Actual cost but not less than \$291.56

Reconnection Charge

\$ 25.00

Customer Meter Deposit

New Home Connection	\$ 25.00
Existing Home Connection (\$1.00 transfer fee)	26.00
New Commercial Connection	100.00
Existing Commercial Connection (\$1.00 transfer fee)	101.00

Damage to Meter Charge

Penalty	\$ 25.00
Labor and Materials to Repair	Actual Costs
<u>Bad Check Charge</u>	\$ 15.00

Section 2. (a) No connection to the Town’s waterworks system shall be allowed until a permit is obtained and payment of Availability Fees and Tap-On

Charges have been made to the Town, or if applicable, payments have been arranged in accordance with Section 2 (c) of this Ordinance.

(b) “Availability Fee” is the charge to a user for a new or additional connection to the Town’s waterworks system and is charged in return for the Town making available to such user the Town’s waterworks system consisting of all facilities and operations necessary to provide water utility service to such user. The Availability Fee is hereby established in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per EDU or 300 GPD of estimated average flow. The amount of the Availability Fee may, from time to time, be changed by the Town Council.

(c) Payment of the Availability Fee and Tap-On Charge shall be made at the following times:

- (1) For new construction, both the Availability Fee and Tap-On Charges shall be paid in full before the issuance of a building permit;

(2) For all new or additional users not qualifying as “new construction”, both the Availability Fee and Tap-On Charges shall be paid in full before the new or additional connection is made to the Town’s waterworks system.

Section 3. Charges for water service shall be made each month of the calendar year. All bills are to be rendered as of the first day of the month following the month for which charges are made, and shall be due and payable on the date of rendition thereof;

provided, however, that if said bills are paid within fifteen (15) days, they shall be considered current.

Section 4. If rates charged for services are not paid in full within fifteen (15) days after rendition of the bill therefore, a collection or deferred payment charge of ten percent (10%) on the first Three Dollars (\$3.00) and three percent (3%) on the excess over Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be immediately due and payable.

Section 5. That all water service shall be discontinued without further notice if the rates or charges for such service are not paid within sixty (60) days after rendition of the bill therefore.

Section 6. The rates and charges herein established shall be collected from the owners, occupants and users of the premises within the Town from and after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 7. No water from the Town's waterworks supply shall be turned on for any service in any premises, by any person except as authorized by the town Council to perform such service.

Section 8. Every user who has been disconnected for non-payment of charges, or new users, or new customers, shall pay a deposit in the amount set forth in Section 1 above. The sum retained by the Town to insure such deposit, less any amount due the Town for service, shall be refunded without interest at the conclusion of such users' or customers' use of the Town's waterworks system.

Section 9. All water pipes and connection shall comply with and be installed in accordance with the direction of the Town Engineer of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana.

Section 10. This Ordinance replaces and supercedes the Prior Ordinances and upon adoption and passage of this Ordinance by the Town, the Prior Ordinances shall be specifically repealed.

Section 11. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption by law.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, on the 11th day of December, 2000.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

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