

ORDINANCE NO. 10

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF
AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE
WATERWORKS OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Francesville, Indiana ("Town") now owns and operates a municipal waterworks in accordance with the provisions of Title 8, Article 1.5 of the Indiana Code, and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, furnishing the public water supply to said Town and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town ("Town Council") adopted Ordinance No. 4 of 2005 on October 3, 2005 ("Ordinance") establishing the current rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused a rate study of the waterworks to be completed by the firm of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, Mishawaka, Indiana, and based upon such rate study, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges established by the Ordinance are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its waterworks plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds, and finance additions and improvements to its waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges of the waterworks should be increased and that it is necessary to amend the Ordinance and repeal the rates and charges set forth therein to the extent they conflict with the rates and charges set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges set forth herein are reasonable and just, based upon the aforementioned rate study and the cost of providing service to the customers of the waterworks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. Section 1A of the Ordinance is hereby amended and restated as follows:

A. <u>Metered Rate per Month</u>			<u>Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
			<u>Inside Town</u>	<u>Outside Town</u>
First	3,000	gallons	\$7.12	\$8.18
Next	7,000	gallons	5.68	6.52
Next	10,000	gallons	4.27	4.90
Next	13,333	gallons	2.85	3.26
Over	33,333	gallons	1.91	2.19

Outside corporate Town boundaries rates and charges for customers are approximately 14.9% higher than rates and charges for customers inside corporate Town boundaries.

Section 2. Section 1B of the Ordinance is hereby amended and restated as follows:

B. Minimum Charge

Each user shall pay a minimum charge accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quality of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

<u>Size of Meter</u>		<u>Minimum Gallons</u>	<u>Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
			<u>Inside Town</u>	<u>Outside Town</u>
5/8"	meter	3,000	\$21.36	\$24.54
3/4"	meter	4,800	31.58	36.28
1"	meter	7,592	47.44	54.48
1 1/2"	meter	17,834	94.57	108.57
2"	meter	41,683	157.77	180.93
3"	meter	160,890	385.45	442.00
4"	meter	207,090	473.69	543.18
6"	meter	455,154	947.50	1,086.44

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Section 3. Section 1C of the Ordinance is hereby amended and restated as follows:

C. Fire Protection (per annum)

Municipal hydrant, per hydrant	\$ -
Private hydrant, per hydrant	661.75

Public Hydrant Surcharge:

<u>Size of Meter</u>		<u>Monthly Charge</u>
5/8"	meter	\$5.10
3/4"	meter	7.65
1"	meter	12.75
1 1/2"	meter	25.50
2"	meter	40.80
3"	meter	76.50
4"	meter	127.50
6"	meter	255.00

<u>Private Sprinklers</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
4" line	\$283.60
6" line	661.75
8" line	1,181.65
10" line	1,843.50

Section 4. Section 1D of the Ordinance is hereby amended and restated as follows:

D. Municipal Fountains (per annum)

Per Fountain	\$157.55
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Section 5. This section of the Ordinance is hereby amended and restated as follows:

E. Miscellaneous Charges

Tap Fees: The charge for one inch or smaller connection shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). For any connections larger than one inch, the charge shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the water department for labor, material, and overhead necessary for tapping the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including curb stop), and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. In no event shall the charge for such connection be less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

Customer Deposits: The Town Clerk-Treasurer shall be empowered to require the payment of a customer deposit of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) from the prospective customers of the Town Water Utility for water service prior to the furnishing of such services. Such customer deposit shall be refunded to the customer upon the payment of the final charges for water service after the discontinuance of such services to the customer. Such customer shall deposit and shall not be required of persons who hold title of real estate in fee simple sufficient to guarantee the payment of

the costs for such water service.

- (a) In the event a customer for whom a deposit has been credited remains delinquent on his or her water bill for a period of sixty (60) days, the Clerk-Treasurer shall be empowered to apply said deposit to the delinquent water bill. If any funds remain after application to the delinquent water bill, the Clerk-Treasurer shall be empowered to apply the balance to any delinquent wastewater bill.
- (b) The customer deposit of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) required shall not accrue interest and therefore no interest on the One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) deposit shall be payable to the customer upon return of the deposit to the customer after utility services are terminated by said customer.

Reconnect Fees. When it becomes necessary for the Town to discontinue utility service to a customer for nonpayment of bills, service will be reinstated only after all bills for service then due have been paid, along with a turn-on charge in the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

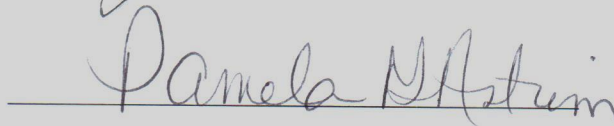
Section 6. All other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. All other ordinances and provisions of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

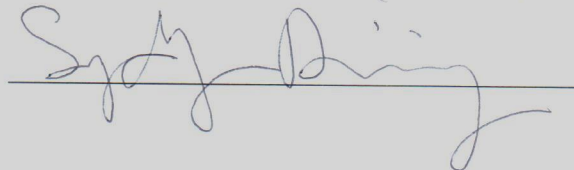
Section 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and the rates and charges established herein shall be effective for the first billing period following adoption of this ordinance.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Francesville on the 2 day of
December, 2019

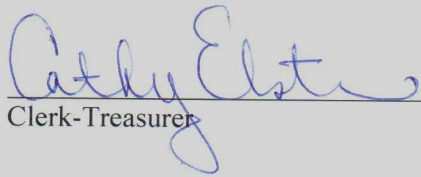
TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF FRANCESVILLE



Pamela M. Astum



ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer