

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, FROM THE CUSTOMERS SERVED BY THE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID CITY, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia City, Indiana, owns and operates a municipal sewage works for the purpose of collection, treatment, and disposal of sanitary sewage, water, and other liquids in said City and outside of said City; and,

WHEREAS, in anticipation of sewage works improvements and based upon good business practice, the City engaged UMBAUGH to review the financial situation of the municipal sewage works; and,

WHEREAS, UMBAUGH has provided the Common Council of the City of Columbia City with financial information regarding the income and expenses of the sewage works and estimates for future income and expenses; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-9-23-25 requires the Common Council of the City of Columbia City to establish just and equitable fees and charges for the services rendered by the sewage works which maintain the sewage works in sound physical and financial condition; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in the fees and charges is necessary, just, and equitable in order to maintain the City of Columbia City's sewage works in sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service to customers of the sewage works.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Section 51.21(B) of the code of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding the basis of charges for sewage service be amended as follows:

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After January 1, 2007:

- (A) Subsection (1) be amended so that the water usage (flow) shall be billed at the rate of \$6.78 per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- (B) Subsection (2) be amended so that each user pay a monthly flat charge based upon the water meter size as follows:

<u>Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Monthly Flat Rate</u>	
	<u>City User</u>	<u>Rural User</u>
5/8" - 3/4"	\$ 16.08	\$ 25.35
1"	47.95	75.97
1 1/4"	64.04	100.06
1 1/2"	80.01	126.00
2"	128.08	201.97
3"	271.91	428.04
4"	431.95	680.04
6"	799.74	1,260.02

- (C) Subsection (5) be amended as follows:

Special Industrial Rate:

<u>Gallons Used</u>	<u>Monthly Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
a) First 1,000,000 gallons, per month	\$ 6.78
b) Over 1,000,000 gallons, per month	2.78

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After July 1, 2007:

- (A) Subsection (1) be amended so that the water usage (flow) shall be billed at the rate of \$7.08 per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- (B) Subsection (2) be amended so that each user pay a monthly flat charge based upon the water meter size as follows:

<u>Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Monthly Flat Rate</u>	
	<u>City User</u>	<u>Rural User</u>
5/8" - 3/4"	\$ 16.80	\$ 26.45
1"	50.05	79.30
1 1/4"	66.85	104.45
1 1/2"	83.55	131.55
2"	133.70	210.85
3"	283.85	446.90
4"	450.95	709.95
6"	834.95	1,315.45

- (C) Subsection (5) be amended as follows:

Special Industrial Rate:

<u>Gallons Used</u>	<u>Monthly Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
a) First 1,000,000 gallons, per month	\$ 7.08
b) Over 1,000,000 gallons, per month	2.90

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After January 1, 2008:

- (A) Subsection (1) be amended so that the water usage (flow) shall be billed at the rate of \$7.28 per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- (B) Subsection (2) be amended so that each user pay a monthly flat charge based upon the water meter size as follows:

<u>Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Monthly Flat Rate</u>	
	<u>City User</u>	<u>Rural User</u>
5/8" - 3/4"	\$ 17.25	\$ 27.20
1"	51.50	81.60
1 1/4"	68.80	107.45
1 1/2"	85.95	135.30
2"	137.55	216.90
3"	292.05	459.70
4"	463.90	730.35
6"	858.90	1,353.25

(C) Subsection (5) be amended as follows:

Special Industrial Rate:

<u>Gallons Used</u>	<u>Monthly Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
a) First 1,000,000 gallons, per month	\$ 7.28
b) Over 1,000,000 gallons, per month	2.99

Section 2. Section 51.22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding the rates for discharge of water obtained from other than City water supply be amended in Subsection (B) thereof so that the charge for services provided to single-family or multiple-family residential users that do not have a supply of water provided by the municipal waterworks be charged at the monthly rate as reflected below for each dwelling unit served for city users and each dwelling unit served for rural users.

	<u>City User</u>	<u>Rural User</u>
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2007	\$ 47.95	\$ 75.97
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2007	50.05	79.30
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2008	51.50	81.60

Section 3. Section 51.23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding Excessive Strength Surcharges be amended in Subsections (B)(1) and (B)(2) as follows:

(A) *Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids.* There shall be an additional charge per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of two hundred forty (240) milligrams per liter of fluid, as reflected below:

Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2007	.30¢
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2007	.31¢
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2008	.32¢

- (B) *Rate Surcharge Based Upon BOD.* There shall be an additional charge per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of two hundred forty (240) milligrams per liter of fluid, as reflected below

Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2007	.30¢
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2007	.31¢
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2008	.32¢

Section 4. Section 51.25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding rate for establishments served by the same water meter be amended to read as follows:

- (A) In the event that two or more business establishments discharging sanitary sewage, water, or other liquids into the City's sanitary sewage system, either directly or indirectly, are users of water and the quantity of water is measured by a single water meter, then in such case, billing shall be for a single service in the manner set out elsewhere herein, except that an additional charge shall be added thereto in the amount as reflected below per month for each such business establishment over one served through the single water meter.

Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2007	\$ 6.78
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2007	7.10
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2008	7.30

- (B) In the event two or more dwelling units, such as trailers, apartments or housekeeping rooms, or duplexes, discharging sanitary sewage, water, or other liquids into the City's sanitary system, either directly or indirectly, are users of water and the quantity of water is measured by a single water meter, then in such case, billing shall be for a single service in the manner set out elsewhere herein, except that an additional charge shall be added thereto in the amount as reflected below per month for each dwelling unit over one served through the single water meter. In the case of trailer parks, the number of dwelling units shall be interpreted as the maximum capacity for trailers in the park, plus any other dwelling units served through the meter. A dwelling unit shall be interpreted as a room or rooms or other living space or spaces in which cooking facilities are provided.

Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2007	\$ 6.78
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2007	7.10
Rate effective for the first full billing cycle after January 1, 2008	7.30

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana,
this ____ day of _____ 2006.

(Don Langeloh)

(Grace Lotter)

(Douglas Fahl)

(Walt Crowder)

(Thor Hodges)

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

ATTEST:

(Rosie Coyle), Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me upon this ____ day of _____ 2006.

(James Fleck) Mayor of the City of
Columbia City, Indiana