

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-25

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 H.J. Umbaugh & Associates ("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 shall be amended as follows:

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After January 1, 2010:

- (A) The water usage (flow) shall be billed at a rate of 7.85 per 1,000 gallons of water used.
- (B) In addition, each user shall pay a monthly flat charge based on the water meter size as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)

Monthly Flat Rate

	<u>City User</u>	<u>Rural User</u>
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 18.60	\$ 29.35
1"	55.55	88.00
1 1/4"	74.20	115.85
1 1/2"	92.70	145.90
2"	148.30	233.90
3"	314.90	495.70
4"	500.20	787.55
6"	926.15	1,459.20

Special Industrial Rate:

<u>Gallons Used</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u> <u>Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
First 1,000,000 gallons, per month	\$ 7.85
Over 1,000,000 gallons, per month	3.22

Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of said Section 51.21(B) shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. The flat monthly rates in Section 51.22(B)(1) of the code of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding the rates for discharge of water obtained from other than city water supply shall be amended as follows:

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After January 1, 2010:

Monthly Flat Rate
City and Rural Users

\$ 55.55

Section 4. The table of additional charges in Section 51.23(B)(3) of the code of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding excessive strength surcharges shall be amended as follows:

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After January 1, 2010:

<u>Excessive Strength Waste</u>	<u>Additional Charge</u> <u>Per Pound</u>
Suspended Solids	\$ 0.35
BOD	0.35

Section 5. The table of additional charges in Section 51.25(C) of the code of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia City regarding rates for establishments served by the same water meter shall be amended as follows:

Rates Effective For the First Full Billing Cycle After January 1, 2010:

Additional Charge
Per Month

\$ 7.85

Section 6. Section 51.32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia City shall be removed.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 8. 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 9 day of December 2009.



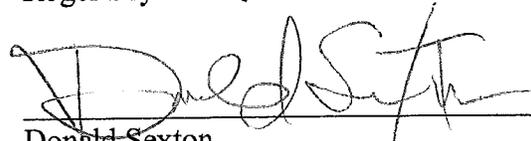
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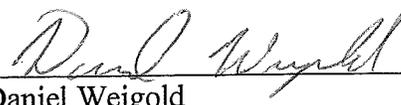
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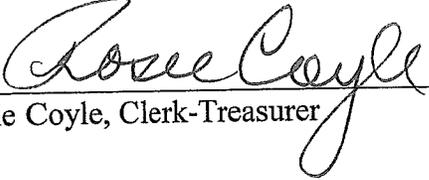
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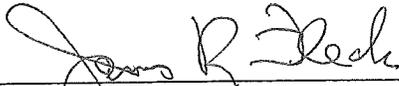
MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY,
INDIANA

ATTEST:



Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me upon this 9
day of December, 2009.



James R. Fleck, Mayor of the City of
Columbia City, Indiana