

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-6**

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana law and the Columbia City Code, the Columbia City Board of Public Works serves as the managing body for the municipally owned water utility for the City of Columbia City and the Columbia City Common Council serves as the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia City is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and, therefore, all water rates and charges are subject to the control and/or approval of the Columbia City Common Council (see also IC 8-1.5-3-8); and

WHEREAS, Indiana law requires all municipally owned utilities to establish rates and charges sufficient to produce revenue for all reasonable and necessary costs of operation and maintenance, working capital, depreciation, capital improvements, debt service on bonds and debt service reserve requirements associated with the utility; and

WHEREAS, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC has prepared a revised Schedule of Water Rates and Charges; and

WHEREAS, the following rates and charges shall be subject to proper notice and hearing to the applicable customers, pursuant to Indiana law, and any rates herein to be effective immediately, or as specifically set forth herein by July 1, 2023, following passage of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City in Whitley, Indiana, that the rates and charges for the City of Columbia City municipally owned water utility be amended as follows:

**See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the amended rates and charges are to be implemented by July 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that notice shall be provided to the water utility customers setting forth the adjustment in rates and charges.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the new rates and charges for the City of Columbia City's municipally owned water utility include sufficient revenues to provide a reasonable rate of return.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the new rates and charges for the City of Columbia City's municipally owned water utility include sufficient revenues to provide a payment in lieu of taxes from the respective utility funds to the City of Columbia City's General Fund.


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that proper notice and hearing on this Ordinance be published and mailed to applicable customers pursuant to all Indiana laws including, but not limited to, IC 8-1.5-3-8.1 and IC 5-3-1.


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and rates shall change starting with the July 1, 2023, billing cycle.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, in Whitley County, State of Indiana, this 13 day of June, 2023.

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:**

  
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Daniel Weigold

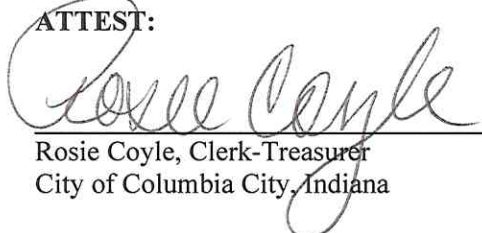
  
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Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano

  
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Jennifer Middleton

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Columbia City, Indiana

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:**


  
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Ryan Daniel, Mayor  
Dated: 6-13-23

EXHIBIT A

WATER SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Metered Rates (Per 1,000 Gallons)

First 2,000 gallons	\$7.87
Next 8,000 gallons	5.58
Next 30,000 gallons	3.38
Over 40,000 gallons	2.59

Minimum Monthly charges

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Gallons</u>	
to 3/4" meter	2,000	\$15.74
1" meter	2,790	20.14
1-1/4" meter	5,700	36.37
1-1/2" meter	6,450	40.55
2" meter	16,000	80.65
3" meter	40,000	161.87
4" meter	94,250	302.17
6" meter	234,500	664.87

Fire Protection Charges

Public - Charges Per Month

to 3/4" meter	\$6.92
1" meter	17.28
1-1/4" meter	27.64
1-1/2" meter	40.09
2" meter	69.13
3" meter	158.98
4" meter	276.45
6" meter	628.91
8" meter	1,118.87

Private Fire Protection (Per Annum):

Per Hydrant	\$936.29
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Fire Sprinkler Connections (Per Annum)

2" meter	\$103.49
4" meter	412.82
6" meter	936.29
8" meter	1,632.29
10" meter	2,602.65