

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL SEWER 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 sewer 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 the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and, therefore, all sewer rates and charges are subject to the control and/or approval of the Columbia City Common Council (see also IC 8-1.5-3-8.3 and IC 36-9-23-25); 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 Sewer 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 November 1, 2024, 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 sewer 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 November 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that notice shall be provided to the sewer 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 sewer utility include sufficient revenues to provide a reasonable rate of return.

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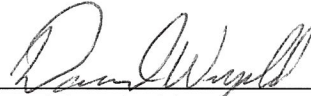
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that proper notice and hearing on this Ordinance be published and mailed to applicable customers pursuant to all Indiana laws including, but not limited to, IC 8-1.5-3-8.1 and IC 5-3-1.


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and rates shall change starting with the \_\_\_November 1, 2024, billing cycle.


BE IT FURTHER ORDTAINED that the SDI monthly maintenance fees currently in effect will not be affected by this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, in Whitley County, State of Indiana, this 13 day of August, 2024.

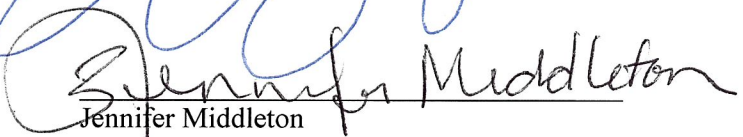
**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:**

  
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**ATTEST:**

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

**APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:**

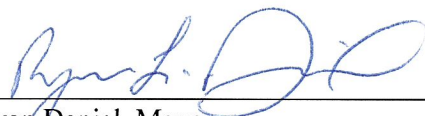
  
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Ryan Daniel, Mayor  
Dated: 8-13-24

EXHIBIT A

SEWAGE WORKS SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

	<u>City User</u>	<u>Rural User</u>
<b><u>Flow rate (per 1,000 gallons of water used):</u></b>		
First 1,000,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons of water used per month)	\$11.76	\$11.76
Over 1,000,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons of water used per month)	4.82	4.82
<b><u>Monthly Flat Rate: (Base Rate)</u></b>		
	<u>Meter Size (Inches)</u>	
	5/8 - 3/4"	
	\$27.86	\$43.94
	83.20	131.77
	111.12	173.51
	138.93	218.55
	222.13	350.38
	471.69	742.50
	749.27	1,179.66
	1,387.26	2,185.70
<b><u>Unmetered Users:</u></b>		
City and Rural users - monthly rate	\$74.89	\$74.89
<b><u>Special Industrial Rate:</u></b>		
First 1,000,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons of water used per month)	\$11.76	\$11.76
Over 1,000,000 gallons (per 1,000 gallons of water used per month)	4.82	4.82
<b><u>Surcharges: (in excess of limits)</u></b>		
Suspended solids per pound	\$0.61	\$0.61
BOD per pound	0.61	0.61
Nitrogen Ammonia	0.61	0.61
Phosphorus per pound	1.10	1.10
Two or more dwelling units or business establishments served by one meter - Additional charge for every establishment over one	\$11.76	\$11.76