

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL STORMWATER 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 Stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater utility include sufficient revenues to provide a reasonable rate of return.

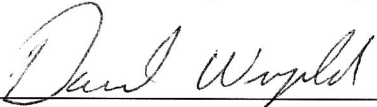
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the new rates and charges for the City of Columbia City's municipally owned stormwater utility include sufficient revenues to provide a payment in lieu of taxes from the respective utility funds to the City of Columbia City's General Fund.

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.

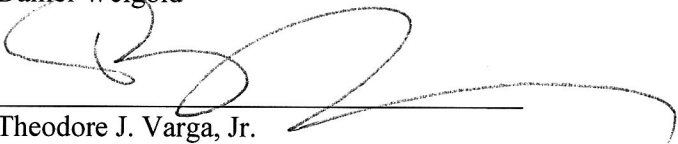
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and rates shall change starting with the November 1_, 2024, billing cycle.

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


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



Daniel Weigold



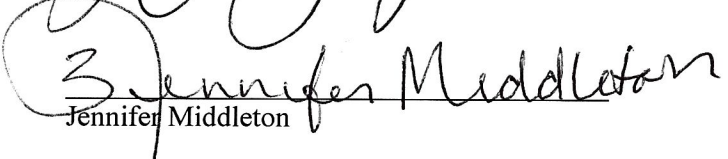
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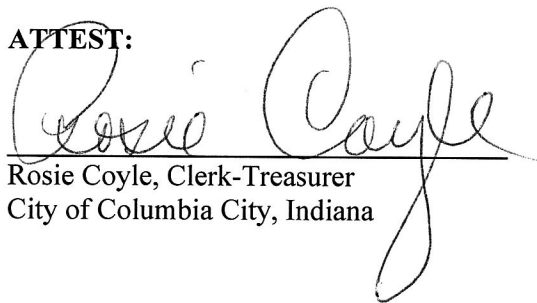


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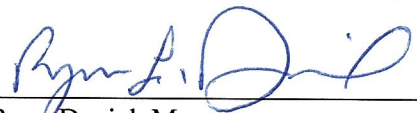
Jennifer Middleton

ATTEST:



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

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:



Ryan Daniel, Mayor
Dated: 8-13-24

EXHIBIT A

STORMWATER SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

Monthly Rate per Customer Type:

	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Residential - flat fee	\$10.06

Non-Residential - Impervious Area:

Less than 4,500 square feet	\$10.06
4,500 - 5,999 square feet	12.85
6,000 - 7,499 square feet	16.50
7,500 - 9,999 square feet	20.10
10,000 - 14,999 square feet	27.40
15,000 - 19,999 square feet	42.10
20,000 - 24,999 square feet	56.75
25,000 - 29,999 square feet	71.40
30,000 - 34,999 square feet	84.15
35,000 - 39,999 square feet	98.80
40,000 - 49,999 square feet	113.45
50,000 - 59,999 square feet	142.70
60,000 - 69,999 square feet	168.25
70,000 - 79,999 square feet	197.60
80,000 - 99,999 square feet	237.85
100,000 - 129,999 square feet	283.55
130,000 - 149,999 square feet	365.85
150,000 - 250,000 square feet	439.05
Greater than 250,000	548.75