

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3, 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 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, Ordinance No. 2026-3 contained a rate which was of an amount .01 higher than it should have been calculated to be; and
- WHEREAS, as the attached corrected rates are .01 lower than those set forth in Ordinance No. 2026-3, it is determined that no public hearing is required to adopt the corrected rates and, due to the desire to maintain the effective date of May 1, 2026, this Corrected Ordinance is desired to be passed as an emergency, on one reading; and
- WHEREAS, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC has prepared a revised Schedule of Water Rates and Charges; and
- WHEREAS, this Corrected Ordinance shall not affect those other rates and charges set forth in Ordinance No. 2026-3, and all rates adopted under Ordinance No. 2026-3 and the rates corrected herein shall be effective as of May 1, 2026, 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 corrected rates and charges for the City of Columbia City municipally owned water utility be adopted as follows:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the corrected rates and charges are to be implemented by May 1, 2026, together with the other rates and charges properly adopted and approved in Ordinance No. 2026-3.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that notice has or will be provided to the water utility customers

setting forth the adjustment in rates and charges.

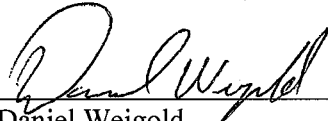
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the new rates and charges, including this corrected rate, for the City of Columbia City's municipally owned water utility include sufficient revenues to provide a reasonable rate of return.

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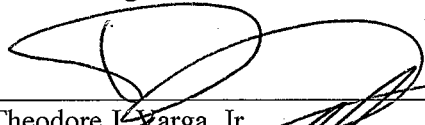
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and rates shall change starting with the May 1, 2026, billing cycle.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, in Whitley County, State of Indiana, this 14 day of April, 2026.

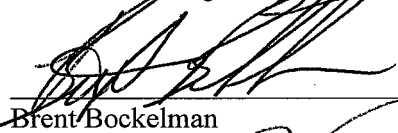
**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:**



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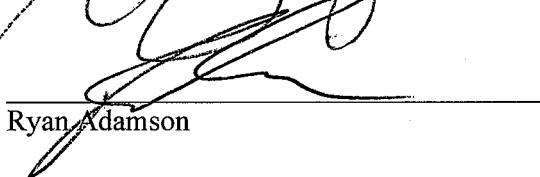
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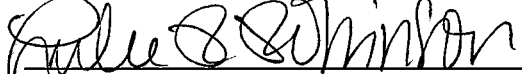


Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano



Ryan Adamson

ATTEST:



Leslee R. Robinson, Clerk-Treasurer
City of Columbia City, Indiana

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:



Ryan Daniel, Mayor

Dated: April 14, 2026

COLUMBIA CITY (INDIANA) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

WATER EXHIBIT A – Minimum Charges Corrected

		Phase I-2026	Phase II-2027	Phase III-2028
Minimum Monthly charges				
Meter Size	<u>Minimum Gallons</u>			
5/8 to 3/4" meter	2,000	\$17.02	\$18.16	\$19.38
1" meter	2,790	21.78	23.25	24.81
1-1/4" meter	5,700	39.33	41.99	44.80
1-1/2" meter	6,450	43.85	46.82	49.95
2" meter	16,000	87.28	93.18	99.42
3" meter	40,000	175.19	187.02	199.64
4" meter	94,250	327.03	349.10	372.66
6" meter	234,500	719.57	768.14	819.99

