

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2

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 rates and charges set forth on Exhibit A shall be subject to proper notice and hearing to the applicable customers, pursuant to Indiana law, and any rates herein to be effective as specifically set forth herein by May 1, 2026, and following passage of this ordinance; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Columbia City has miscellaneous utility charges for all of its utilities that require update to be effective immediately.

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 Exhibits A and B attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the amended rates and charges are to be implemented by May 1, 2026.

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.

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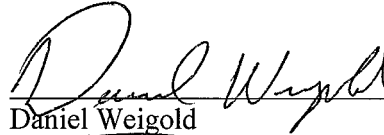
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that proper notice and hearing on this Ordinance be published and mailed to applicable customers pursuant to all Indiana laws including, but not limited to, IC 8-1.5-3-8.1 and IC 5-3-1.

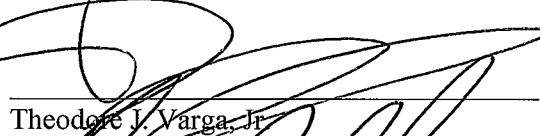
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and rates and charges set forth on Exhibit A shall change starting with the May 1, 2026, billing cycle.

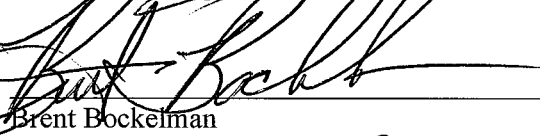
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Miscellaneous Utility Charges (Exhibit B) shall be set forth in a new Code of Ordinances Chapter 57, Miscellaneous Utility Charges, and such charges shall be in effect immediately after adoption of this Ordinance.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, in Whitley County, State of Indiana, this 10th day of February, 2026.

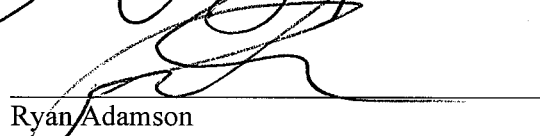
**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
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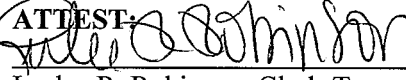

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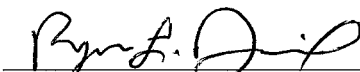

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Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano


Ryan Adamson

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:


Ryan Daniel, Mayor
Dated: _

COLUMBIA CITY (INDIANA) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

STORMWATER EXHIBIT A

Monthly Rate per Customer Type:

	Phase I-2026	Phase II-2027	Phase III-2028
Residential	\$13.58	\$15.07	\$15.07
Non-Residential - Impervious Area:			
Less than 4,500 square feet	\$13.58	\$15.07	\$15.07
4,500 - 5,999 square feet	17.35	19.26	19.26
6,000 - 7,499 square feet	22.28	24.73	24.73
7,500 - 9,999 square feet	27.14	30.13	30.13
10,000 - 14,999 square feet	36.99	41.06	41.06
15,000 - 19,999 square feet	56.84	63.09	63.09
20,000 - 24,999 square feet	76.61	85.04	85.04
25,000 - 29,999 square feet	96.39	106.99	106.99
30,000 - 34,999 square feet	113.60	126.10	126.10
35,000 - 39,999 square feet	133.38	148.05	148.05
40,000 - 49,999 square feet	153.16	170.01	170.01
50,000 - 59,999 square feet	192.65	213.84	213.84
60,000 - 69,999 square feet	227.14	252.13	252.13
70,000 - 79,999 square feet	266.76	296.10	296.10
80,000 - 99,999 square feet	321.10	356.42	356.42
100,000 - 129,999 square feet	382.79	424.90	424.90
130,000 - 149,999 square feet	493.90	548.23	548.23
150,000 - 250,000 square feet	592.72	657.92	657.92
Greater than 250,000	740.81	822.30	822.30

CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

EXHIBIT B

BAD CHECK CHARGE		\$25
DISCONNECT/RECONNECT FEE	UTILITY SHUT OFF FEE	\$20
	DURING BUSINESS HOURS RECONNECT FEE	\$20
	AFTER HOURS RECONNECT FEE	\$60
METER DEPOSITS	RESIDENTIAL	\$60
	COMMERCIAL	\$300 Large
SERVICE CALLS	AFTER HOURS	\$75 PER TRIP
TEMPORARY SERVICES		\$50 PLUS KWH's or WATER USED AND DEPOSIT
METER TAMPERING		\$300 1st OFFENSE
		\$500 2nd offense
		\$75 BROKEN
METER TEST		\$30 1st Test
		\$100 2nd test w/in 36 months
ELECTRIC CONNECTION FEE		\$450 SINGLE PHASE (200 amp)
		\$550 SINGLE PHASE (320 amp or larger)
		ACTUAL COST FOR THREE PHASE SERVICE
		\$350 EXISTING SERVICE UPGRADE FEE
WATER TAP FEE		\$1,250 3/4-5/8 inch
		\$4,000 1 & 2 inch
		\$5,000 3 inch
		\$7,000 4 inch
		\$9,000 6-8 inch
SEWER TAP FEE		\$1,000 3/4-5/8 inch
		\$2,250 1 inch
		\$4,000 1 1/2 inch
		\$6,000 2 inch
		\$13,000 3 inch
	\$22,000 4 inch or larger	
LAWN IRRIGATION METER		\$525 3/4 inch

If sewer is hooked up and no water for Commerical property, they must purchase a meter and have it installed.

