

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC 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 electric 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 electric 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 Electric 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 electric 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 electric 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 electric 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 electric 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 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.

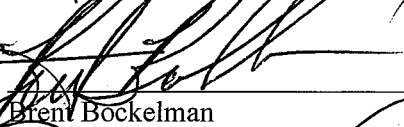
**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:**



Daniel Weigold



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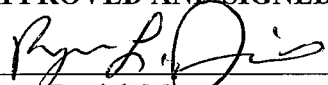
Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano



Ryan Adamson

ATTEST:


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

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY:


Ryan Daniel, Mayor
Dated: 2-10-26

COLUMBIA CITY (INDIANA) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

ELECTRIC EXHIBIT A

	Phase I-2026	Phase II-2027	Phase III-2028
<u>Residential Service:</u>			
Customer charge per month	\$15.85	\$16.01	\$16.17
Energy charge per KWH per month			
First 500 KWH per month*	\$0.13479	\$0.13614	\$0.14633
Over 500 KWH per month*	0.12740	0.12867	0.13879
<i>Surcharge for renewable energy generation = \$50.00 per month</i>			
<u>Residential Water Heater and Electric Heat Service:</u>			
Customer charge per month			
Water heater	\$15.85	\$16.01	\$16.17
All electric	15.85	16.01	16.17
Energy charge per KWH			
First 900 KWH per month*	\$0.12709	\$0.12836	\$0.13848
Over 900 KWH per month*	0.12034	0.12154	0.13159
<i>Surcharge for renewable energy generation = \$50.00 per month</i>			
<u>General Service (Small):</u>			
Customer charge per month			
Single phase	\$31.69	\$32.01	\$32.33
Three phase	42.26	42.68	43.11
Single and three phase	73.95	74.69	75.44
<i>Charge of \$2.01 per KVA of capacity in excess of 25 KVA for single-phase and 75 KVA for three-phase</i>			
Energy charge per KWH per month			
First 7,000 KWH per month*	\$0.13002	\$0.13132	\$0.14146
Over 7,000 KWH per month*	0.12295	0.12418	0.13425
<i>Surcharge for renewable energy generation = \$50.00 per month</i>			
<u>General Service (Small) All Electric:</u>			
Customer charge per month			
Single phase	\$36.98	\$37.35	\$37.72
Three phase	47.54	48.02	48.50
Single and three phase	76.20	76.97	77.74
<i>Charge of \$2.01 per KVA of capacity in excess of 25 KVA for single-phase and 75 KVA for three-phase</i>			
Energy charge per KWH per month			
First 7,000 KWH per month*	\$0.12056	\$0.12177	\$0.13181
Over 7,000 KWH per month*	0.11425	0.11539	0.12538
<i>Surcharge for renewable energy generation = \$50.00 per month</i>			
<u>General Service (Large):</u>			
Customer charge per month	\$100.36	\$101.37	\$102.38
Maximum load charge	Per month per KVA of billing maximum load	7.51	7.59
		7.51	7.67
All KWH usage per KWH*	\$0.10154	\$0.10256	\$0.11241
<i>Billing minimum load charge = 50% of transformer nameplate</i>			
<u>General Service Industrial:</u>			
Customer charge per month	\$126.77	\$128.03	\$129.31
Maximum load charge	Per month per KVA of billing maximum load	7.45	7.53
		7.45	7.60
All KWH usage per KWH*	\$0.09872	\$0.09971	\$0.10954
<i>Billing minimum load charge = 50% of transformer nameplate</i>			
<u>Municipal:</u>			
Street lighting (per KWH)*	\$0.17176	\$0.17348	\$0.18404
All other service (per KWH)*	0.14143	0.14284	0.15310
<u>Security Lighting Service:</u>			
Rate per lamp per month			
100 watt	\$12.15	\$12.27	\$12.39
175 watt	15.85	16.01	16.17
250 watt (or LED equiv.)	17.96	18.14	18.32
400 watt (or LED equiv.)	33.80	34.14	34.48
1,000 watt (or LED equiv.)	50.19	50.69	51.20

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
		ADDITIONAL IF SEAL IS
		\$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 Commercial property, they must purchase a meter and have it installed.