

ORDINANCE NO. 16 - 2012

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICE RENDERED BY THE
WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD
AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-2008

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bedford now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks of said City are too low and are insufficient to produce revenue to pay all of the necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operation charges, upkeep, repairs, legal expenses and other obligations, provide payment to the City in lieu of taxes, provide adequate working capital, provide for depreciation and make necessary extensions and replacements, and to provide funds for a reasonable return on the utility plant, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bedford adopted Ordinance 15-2004 on May 11, 2004 pursuant to I.C. § 8-1.5-3-9.1 whereby the City of Bedford removed itself from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission effective sixty (60) days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, no petition was received by the Common Council pursuant to I.C. § 8-1.5-3-9.1(d); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. § 8-1.5-3-9.1(h) the Common Council mailed written notice of the withdrawal from the commission jurisdiction to the commission within thirty (30) days after Ordinance No. 15-2004 became effective.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, INDIANA:

Section 1. That there shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Bedford, the following rates and charges.

Metered Rates

(Rate Per 1,000 Gallons)

For the first	2,000 gallons per month	\$	6.38
For the next	3,000 gallons per month		5.69
For the next	5,000 gallons per month		4.78
For the next	10,000 gallons per month		4.07
For the next	30,000 gallons per month		3.12
For the next	50,000 gallons per month		2.84
For all over	100,000 gallons per month		2.35

Minimum Charge

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set in the metered schedule of rates.

Gallons	Charge
<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Per Month</u>

55/8 or 3/4 inch meter	2,000	\$ 12.76
1 inch meter	3,950	23.86
1 1/2 inch meter	6,210	35.61
2 inch meter	14,360	71.48
3 inch meter	17,240	83.20
4 inch meter	31,580	130.56
6 inch meter	67,450	237.59

Irrigation Sprinklers

Irrigation Sprinklers with separate meters can be combined usage in our software billing system to one account to include the minimum charge and gallons allowed above.

Fire Protection Sprinklers

Service under this rate shall consist of standby service for fire emergencies and all water taken through such connections shall be restricted to fire emergencies only. The Utility reserves the right to install flow detectors from time to time to see that the service is restricted to fire fighting purposes.

<u>Size of Connection</u>	<u>Monthly Rate Per Connection</u>
2 inch	\$ 21.92
3 inch	43.06
4 inch	64.98
6 inch	109.59
8 inch	215.24
10 inch	414.86
12 inch	665.32

Hydrant Rental

Public Hydrant - per hydrant - per annum	\$ 691.89
Private Hydrant - per hydrant - per annum	691.89

Service Fee

New or temporary water service to any property served by the water utility shall be imposed a fee of Twenty (\$20.00) dollars for establishing new service.

Fire Hydrant Metering Fees

A deposit of \$350.00 will be required to be held by Bedford City Utilities until such time as the meter is returned in proper condition and the bill is paid in full. The deposit will be returned to the company. Water used will be billed on a monthly basis. Meter will be read every 30 days by Bedford City Utilities. Customer agrees to upon receiving the meter for the sole purpose of metering water from a fire hydrant for construction purposes only and agrees to pay \$800.00 in the event of damage or loss of said meter.

Meter Tampering

Initial tampering by turning on water at meter that has been shut-off for non-payment will result in a fee of \$50.00. A second offense will result in a \$75.00 fee and a third offense will result in \$100.00.

Section 2. That the rates herein approved shall provide for a reasonable return on the water utility plant of the City of Bedford and such other legal and other necessary expenses as provided for in I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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Adopted and approved by the Common Council of the City of Bedford, Indiana, on this 9th day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:

Julie L. Chase
Julie L. Chase, Clerk-Treasurer



Shawna M. Girgis
Presiding Officer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bedford, Indiana, on the 9th day of October, 2012.

Julie L. Chase
Julie L. Chase, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me this 9th day of October, 2012.

Shawna M. Girgis
Shawna M. Girgis, Mayor

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