

ORDINANCE NO. 6908

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE WATER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6530 OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE INDIANA, AND FIXING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT

WHEREAS, the Common Council has caused a rate study of the waterworks to be completed by the firm of Baker Tilly ("Rate Study"), and finds, based upon the Rate Study and with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety, that the rates and charges established pursuant to Ordinance No. 6530 are insufficient to enable the City of Connersville, Indiana ("City") to properly operate its waterworks plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds and finance additions and improvements to its waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds, with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety, that the rates and charges set forth herein are reasonable and just, based upon the aforementioned Rate Study and the cost of providing service to the customers of the waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety has recommended that the following rates and charges, to be enacted in three phases, be established for water service in the City and to customers otherwise served by the City waterworks for such purposes, subject to the approval thereof by the Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA:

Section 1. There shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City, the following rates and charges, based on the use of the water supplied by said waterworks system:

Metered Usage Per Month

			<u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>			
			<u>Present</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
First	350	cubic feet	\$4.62	\$4.99	\$5.39	\$5.82
Next	650	cubic feet	4.03	4.35	4.70	5.08
Next	2,000	cubic feet	3.52	3.80	4.10	4.43
Next	3,000	cubic feet	2.52	2.72	2.94	3.18
Over	6,000	cubic feet	2.29	2.47	2.67	2.88

Minimum Monthly Charge

		<u>Minimum Per Month</u>			
<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Cubic Feet Allowed</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
5/8 inch meter	350	\$16.17	\$17.47	\$18.87	\$20.37
1 inch meter	1,278	52.15	56.30	60.81	65.71
1 1/2 inch meter	3,164	116.90	126.20	136.24	147.21
2 inch meter	7,058	212.59	229.47	247.86	267.86
3 inch meter	20,884	529.21	570.97	617.02	666.05
4 inch meter	40,360	975.21	1,052.03	1,137.03	1,226.96
6 inch meter	95,663	2,241.65	2,418.02	2,613.62	2,819.68
8 inch meter	173,535	4,024.92	4,341.45	4,692.80	5,062.40

Private Fire Protection Charges

	<u>Per Annum</u>			
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Per Hydrant	\$1,060.00	\$1,144.80	\$1,236.38	\$1,335.29

Automatic sprinkler systems:

		<u>Per Annum</u>			
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
2	inch sprinkler or less	\$124.00	\$133.92	\$144.63	\$156.20
2 1/2	inch sprinkler	193.00	208.44	225.12	243.13
3	inch sprinkler	257.00	277.56	299.76	323.74
4	inch sprinkler	457.00	493.56	533.04	575.68
6	inch sprinkler	1,062.00	1,146.96	1,238.72	1,337.82
8	inch sprinkler	1,873.00	2,022.84	2,184.67	2,359.44
10	inch sprinkler	2,939.00	3,174.12	3,428.05	3,702.29
12	inch sprinkler	4,244.00	4,583.52	4,950.20	5,346.22

Outside City Rates and Charges

		<u>Per Month</u>		
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>	<u>Phase III</u>
Fire Protection	\$12.94	\$13.98	\$15.10	\$16.31
Surcharge	25%	25%	25%	25%

(a) Meter Deposit

At the time any prospective customer desiring to obtain water service makes an application for such service, the customer shall deposit the sum of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) with the waterworks, which shall be retained by the waterworks until water service is discontinued. At the time the deposit shall be applied to any unpaid bill or returned to the customer if no unpaid bill is due.

(b) Tap Charge

A tap charge shall be collected from each customer prior to connection to the waterworks. This charge shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a 5/8 inch to 3/4 inch connection. For larger size connections, the charge shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the City for the labor, material, and overhead necessary for tapping the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including the curb stop), and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. In no event shall the charge for such connection be less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

In the event a line tap is made to the waterworks of the City by others than the City, a charge for inspection, material, labor, and overhead to be determined by the utilities manager shall be payable by the owner or those making the tap at the time of making the application therefore. The work shall be done only by a licensed, qualified, and insured person or contractor, upon written application and notification to the utilities manager, and subject to inspection and acceptance by the personnel of the waterworks.

(c) Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, and the like, shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates herein set forth as estimated and established by the utilities manager.

(d) Service Charge

A service charge of Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) shall be charged by the waterworks for any emergency calls after regular working hours for the customer's water service.

(e) Deferred Payment Charge

All bills for water consumed and not paid on or before the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to the collection of a deferred payment charge of Ten (10%) percent on the first Three Dollars (\$3.00) and Three (3%) percent on the excess over Three Dollars (\$3.00).

(f) Reconnection Charge

There shall be a charge for reconnection of service, following its disconnection for nonpayment of charges, in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each reconnection.

<u>(g) Miscellaneous Charges</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Returned Charge	\$20.00
Bulk Water	\$6.51 per 1000 gallons

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, including Ordinance No. 6530, in conflict herewith are repealed; provided, however, the existing schedule of water rates and charges for water services shall remain in full force and effect until the new schedule of rates and charges herein contained shall be passed and approved by the Common Council. The Phase 1 schedule of rates and charges shall take effect for bills rendered during the January billing cycle, and will be reflected on the next bill due, commencing in 2023; the Phase II schedule of rates and charges shall take effect for bills rendered during the January billing cycle, and will be reflected on the next bill due, commencing in 2024; and the Phase III schedule of rates and charges shall take effect for bills rendered during the January billing cycle, and will be reflected on the next bill due, commencing in 2025.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Connersville, Indiana, this 5th
day of December, 2022.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA

Diana Phillips
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Rosemary Brown
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Connersville, Indiana, this 5th day of
December, 2022 at 7:15p.m.

Rosemary Brown
Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Connersville, Indiana, on this 5th
day of December, 2022 at 7:15p.m.

[Signature]
Mayor