

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-25

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER RATES AND CONNECTION
CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, INDIANA,
MUNICIPAL UTILITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield, Indiana, has caused a study to be made of its rates and charges by the Controller of the utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield, Indiana, as operator of the municipal water utility is required pursuant to Indiana Code to establish rates, which generate sufficient income for the full proper and prudent operation, management and maintenance of said utility, as well as the provision of water utility service to its customers; and

WHEREAS, said requirements include the generation of cash operating expenses, payment of debt service, debt service reserves, if any, the provision of working capital, compensation for depreciation, sufficient funds for extensions and replacements; and

WHEREAS; said utility is allowed, pursuant to statute, to also achieve a return on its planned investment and may make payments to local government in lieu of taxes, commonly referred to as PILOT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield, Indiana, has now determined that the rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the Greenfield Municipal Water Utility are insufficient to meet all the revenue requirements set forth above due in part to the effects of inflation, increased distribution costs, increased operating costs, including but not limited to fuel costs; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, these changes are necessary to adequately fund hydrant fees, for use and in connection with firefighting operations within the Greenfield Fire Territory; and

WHEREAS; the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, believes that while revenues for said utility need to be increased, the most prudent way to increase revenues to the required level would be through a gradual three tier process, rather than increasing said rates substantially at one time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, that:

SECTION I

Section 52.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, is hereby amended to read as follows:

There shall be and there are established for the use of the service rendered by the waterworks systems of the City, the following rates and charges, based on the amount of water supplied during each monthly billing period:

		<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
(A)	<u>Metered Rates per Month</u>	<u>Rates per 1,000 Gal.</u>		
First	3,000 gallons	\$3.54	\$3.54	\$3.54
Next	5,000 gallons	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20

Next	12,000 gallons	\$2.83	\$2.83	\$2.83
Next	20,000 gallons	\$2.46	\$2.46	\$2.46
Next	40,000 gallons	\$2.12	\$2.12	\$2.12
Next	80,000 gallons	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
Next	140,000 gallons	\$1.43	\$1.43	\$1.43
Next	300,000 gallons	\$1.15	\$1.20	\$1.25

(B) Minimum Charge per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates:

		<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Gallons Allowed</u>			
5/8 inch meter	2,000 gallons	\$7.08	\$7.08	\$7.08
3/4 inch meter	2,990 gallons	\$10.60	\$10.60	\$10.60
1 inch meter	5,200 gallons	\$17.65	\$17.65	\$17.65
1 1/4 inch meter	9,829 gallons	\$31.79	\$31.79	\$31.79
1 1/2 inch meter	13,610 gallons	\$42.49	\$42.49	\$42.49
2 inch meter	24,105 gallons	\$70.74	\$70.74	\$70.74
3 inch meter	71,439 gallons	\$176.82	\$176.82	\$176.82
4 inch meter	129,931 gallons	\$282.98	\$282.98	\$282.98
6 inch meter	394,787 gallons	\$636.59	\$636.59	\$636.59

(C) <u>Fire Protection Service</u>	<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
Hydrant Rental-private-			
per annum-per hydrant	\$353.60	\$353.60	\$353.60
Hydrant Rental-public-			
per annum	-	-	-

Public Fire Protection Charge
per month

5/8 inch meter	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00
3/4 inch meter	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00
1 inch meter	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$7.50
1 1/4 inch meter	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$12.00
1 1/2 inch meter	\$5.80	\$11.60	\$17.40
2 inch meter	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
3 inch meter	\$23.00	\$46.00	\$69.00
4 inch meter	\$41.00	\$82.00	\$123.00
6 inch meter	\$92.00	\$184.00	\$276.00

Automatic Sprinkler Systems -

Each user employing automatic sprinklers for fire protection shall pay an annual fee in accordance with the following schedule:

2 inch connection	\$106.06
3 inch connection	\$212.24
4 inch connection	\$424.36
6 inch connection	\$530.53
8 inch connection	\$636.59
10 inch connection	\$919.45

- (D) Non-recurring charges. The following schedule of charges is hereby approved:

Special meter test	\$20.00
Bad check charge	\$20.00

SECTION II

Section 52.09(A) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (A) No connection to any city-owned water main shall be allowed until a permit is obtained and payment of the availability or capacity charge has been made. This charge is intended to provide funds as allowed by I.C. 8-1.5-3-8(c)(5) for making extensions and replacements to the water mains, and to ensure that there is adequate capacity already in place to serve the new customer. The charge shall be from time to time updated and fixed by the City, but effective October 1, 2008 shall be \$1,100.00 per acre, effective July 1, 2009 shall be \$1,200.00 per acre and effective January 1, 2010 shall be \$1,300.00 per acre.

SECTION III

Section 52.10(B) and (C) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (B) In any residential, business, or industrial area within the City limits, or in any area serviced by the City water mains, or in any other area where a water main is in the street, alley, or easement, and is contiguous to the property being serviced, the service pipe, material, installation, and the pipe of the service line shall be charged by the waterworks system as follows:

<u>Size of Pipe</u>	<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
5/8 inch	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00

- (C) The charge listed above plus the meter deposit shall be paid in advance. Charges on all connections, taps, or new service above 5/8 inch will be on a time and materials basis as determined by the Board of Public Works and Safety, as listed in (B) above.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for any charges billed on or after October 1, 2008, approval by the Mayor, and publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION V

Introduced and filed on the 27th day of August, 2008. A motion to consider on first reading on the day of introduction was offered and sustained by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8. On the 24th day of September, 2008, a motion to approve the above on second reading, as amended, was offered and sustained by a vote of 6 in favor and 6 opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8. Upon a motion to approve the above on third reading was offered and sustained by a vote of 6 in favor and 6 opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8.

Duly ordained and passed this 24th day of September, 2008 by the Common