

ORDINANCE 1900

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE A, A NON-CODIFIED PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO INSTALL A WORKING METER

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, has established Schedule A for the purposes of centralizing all fees and service charges for Town services, permits, licenses and products; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council serves as the Water Board and establishes rules, fees, charges, and violations for the Water Utility; and

WHEREAS, A properly working water meter is essential to accurate billing; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, By the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, that Schedule A of the Munster Municipal Code be amended effective after the required advertising of adoption of the ordinance as follows:

(2) Utilities

(A) WATER

A.18 Estimating Accounts Meter readings are collected remotely on or about the 15th of each month. If a meter reading is not captured on a given month, a second attempt is made. If no meter reading is captured on the second month, usage will be estimated, and penalties assessed as follows.

- a. First month with no meter reading captured: The usage for that billing period will be estimated by taking the average of the past 12 (twelve) months of usage.
- b. Second month with no meter reading captured: The usage for that billing period will be estimated by taking the average of the past 12 (twelve) months of usage and the property will be tagged requesting the customer contact Water Billing to arrange for a maintenance call to examine and possibly change the meter.
- c. Third month with no meter reading captured and no response to the tag issued in the second month as described in 2.A.18.b above: The usage for that billing period will be estimated at double the 12 (twelve) month average and the property tagged a second time.
- d. Fourth and each subsequent month with no meter reading captured and no response to the tag issued in the third month as described in 2.A.18.c above: The usage for that billing period will be estimated at double the 12 (twelve) month average and a non-refundable fine of \$50.00 will be assessed.

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED By the Town Council of the Town of Munster on the 1st day of May, 2023, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY,
INDIANA.**

Chuck Gardiner, President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer