

**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** Patricia Abbott, Controller/Interim Town Manager

**Date:** November 7, 2024

**Re:** Ordinance 1970: Amending the Stormwater Rates

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At the April 1, 2024, meeting, Council approved an engagement letter with Baker Tilly to perform a rate study for both water and stormwater rates. The current stormwater rates went into effect in 2022 under Ordinance 1864. This ordinance was based on a cost study performed by NewGen Strategies and set the rates through fiscal year 2025.

Baker Tilly has come back with their analysis and recommended rates through fiscal year 2028. The current rate is \$23.00/month for residential users and will increase to \$23.29/month next year. The proposed rates increase approximately 4.00% each year starting with fiscal year 2026 and continuing through fiscal year 2028.

These rates will fund the ongoing operations and capital improvements needed to maintain the stormwater system. The new rates will go into effect with the bills due in March of each fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By motion and roll call vote, hear Ordinance 1970 on first reading as presented and set second reading for November 18, 2024.