

ORDINANCE 1969

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE “A,” A NON-CODIFIED PORTION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING FEES FOR WATER UTILITIES

WHEREAS, the Town Council has established Schedule “A” for the purposes of centralizing all fees and service charges for Town services, permits, licenses and products; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time various fees and charges are reviewed to ensure they are covering the appropriate share of the cost for providing the service or creating the product.

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 as follows:

(2) Utilities

(A) WATER rates and charges will be amended as follows:

- A.1 For the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Munster, Indiana, the following rates and charges will be applied, based on the amount of water supplied during each monthly period. All accounts will be billed monthly. All rates will go into effect as follows.

Rate Year	Usage starting on or about	Bill due date
FY2026	1/15/2026	3/20/2026
FY2027	1/15/2027	3/22/2027
FY2028	1/15/2028	3/20/2028

RESIDENTIAL AND SPRINKLER RATES

Monthly Metered						
Consumption (in gallons)	Current (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2025 (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	
0-5,000	\$ 6.61	\$ 7.51	\$ 7.74	\$ 7.97	\$ 8.20	
5,001-15,000	6.25	7.10	7.32	7.54	7.76	
15,001-35,000	5.86	6.66	6.87	7.08	7.28	
35,001-75,000	5.50	6.25	6.44	6.63	6.83	
75,001-150,000	5.19	5.90	6.08	6.26	6.45	
150,001+	4.84	5.50	5.67	5.84	6.01	

BUSINESS

Monthly Metered

Consumption (in gallons)	Current (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2025 (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
0-5,000	\$ 7.49	\$ 8.56	\$ 8.82	\$ 9.08	\$ 9.35
5,001-15,000	7.08	8.09	8.34	8.59	8.84
15,001-35,000	6.63	7.58	7.81	8.04	8.28
35,001-75,000	6.22	7.11	7.33	7.55	7.77
75,001-150,000	5.88	6.72	6.93	7.14	7.34
150,001+	5.47	6.25	6.44	6.63	6.83

Business Accounts will be designated as those entities that utilize commercial water per the National Handbook of Recommended Methods for Water Data Acquisition published by the USGS. The definition of commercial water use as follows:

Commercial water use includes water used by commercial facilities such as hotels, motels, restaurants, office buildings, government and military facilities, hospitals, educational institutions, and retail sales stores. Commercial water use in office buildings primarily is used for sanitation, maintenance, and aesthetic appeal. Specific uses of water include toilet flushing, air-conditioning, washing floors and other surfaces, fountains and lawn watering . . . Commercial activities also take place in institutions, such as hospitals, prisons, and schools; and in resorts; hotels; motels; camp grounds; and restaurants, therefore, commercial uses of water also includes food preparation, pools, and laundries.

- A.2 Minimum Charge – Each user shall pay a minimum fee in accordance with the size of the meter installed for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out as follows:

Residential Minimum Charge (per month)

Meter Size	Consumption in gallons	FY 2024 (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2025 (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
5/8"	2,967	\$ 19.62	\$ 22.29	\$ 22.96	\$ 23.65	\$ 24.33
1"	7,983	51.71	58.75	60.54	62.34	64.15
1.5"	16,456	104.13	118.31	121.90	125.56	129.20
2"	30,048	183.78	208.81	215.28	221.79	228.15
3"	68,844	399.04	453.39	467.26	481.24	495.35
4"	138,566	763.42	867.40	893.38	919.97	947.40
6"	323,380	1,665.45	1,892.29	1,945.96	2,004.09	2,063.16
8"	557,060	2,801.08	3,182.60	3,270.93	3,368.78	3,467.58

Business Minimum Charge (per month)

Meter Size	Consumption in gallons	FY 2024 (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2025 (per Ord. 1867)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
5/8"	2,967	\$ 22.23	\$ 25.39	\$ 26.17	\$ 26.94	\$ 27.74
1"	7,983	58.59	66.92	68.98	71.02	73.12
1.5"	16,456	117.99	134.77	138.87	143.01	147.21
2"	30,048	208.24	237.85	245.02	252.29	259.75
3"	68,844	452.14	516.43	531.78	547.62	563.72
4"	138,566	865.00	987.99	1,017.41	1,047.96	1,078.12
6"	323,380	1,887.06	2,155.37	2,213.22	2,279.11	2,346.24
8"	557,060	3,173.81	3,625.08	3,718.12	3,828.41	3,942.27

A.5 Connection Charge

Meter Size		FY 2024 (per Ord. 1857)	FY 2025 (per Ord. 1857)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
5/8"-3/4"	tap	\$ 510.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 560.00
1"	tap	570.00	570.00	590.00	610.00	620.00
1.5"	tap	680.00	680.00	700.00	720.00	740.00
2"	tap	760.00	760.00	780.00	800.00	830.00
3"	tap	840.00	840.00	870.00	900.00	920.00
4"	tap	840.00	840.00	870.00	900.00	920.00
6"	tap	1,130.00	1,130.00	1,160.00	1,190.00	1,230.00
8"	tap	1,690.00	1,690.00	1,740.00	1,790.00	1,850.00

A.8 Water Deposits

<u>Residential Customer Water Deposit</u>					
Meter Size	Current (per Ord. 1857)	FY 2025 (per Ord. 1857)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
5/8"	\$ 165.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 185.00
1"	255.00	270.00	285.00	300.00	315.00
1.5"	560.00	625.00	675.00	750.00	800.00
2"	855.00	970.00	1,085.00	1,200.00	1,315.00
3"	1,630.00	1,875.00	2,120.00	2,320.00	2,420.00
4"	3,000.00	3,400.00	3,800.00	4,200.00	4,600.00
6"	6,250.00	7,200.00	8,150.00	9,100.00	10,050.00
8"	10,100.00	12,000.00	13,900.00	15,800.00	17,700.00

Customer Sprinkler Deposit

	Current	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Meter Size	(per Ord. 1857)	(per Ord. 1857)			
5/8"	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00
1"	115.00	130.00	145.00	150.00	155.00
1.5"	370.00	430.00	490.00	550.00	610.00
2"	655.00	760.00	785.00	810.00	835.00
3"	1,425.00	1,645.00	1,845.00	2,045.00	2,245.00
4"	2,710.00	3,150.00	3,580.00	4,020.00	4,420.00
6"	5,900.00	6,900.00	7,900.00	8,000.00	8,100.00
8"	10,000.00	11,600.00	13,200.00	14,800.00	16,400.00

Utility Deposits shall be refunded after 12 months of consecutive on-time payments. Deposits shall be approximately equal to two months of the current minimum charges for water consumption and hydrant maintenance based upon the meter size, H.S.D. administrative and user charges, Munster sewer maintenance (stormwater) and solid waste fees. A deposit for solid waste shall only be required for accounts that are provided solid waste collection by the Town or its vendor.

Hydrant Meter Deposit

Any size meter At cost

Hydrant meter deposits are refunded after the customer/contractor has returned the meter and paid any charges. If the meter is used on behalf of the Town, the contractor is not charged for consumption

A.11 Construction Water (plus sales tax)

4 months or less, Residential

\$210.00

Each additional month, up to 12 months	\$ 39.00
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Temporary water service (plus water)	\$ 32.00
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All non-residential permits

\$0.06509/sq.ft.

(Rates based on 1" minimum charges)

A.12c Delinquent charges may be waived on a one-time basis when the customer agrees to sign up for automatic payment of utility bills. Delinquent charges may be waived on a one-time basis when the customer has zero delinquent charges for the preceding, consecutive twelve months.

A.16 Fire Protection Charges

Municipal Hydrant Maintenance

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Meter Size	(per Ord. 1857)	(per Ord. 1857)			
5/8"-3/4"	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.75
1"	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.24	4.37
1.5"	7.90	7.90	8.14	8.38	8.63
2"	12.50	12.50	12.89	13.28	13.66
3"	23.50	23.50	24.22	24.94	25.67
4"	39.10	39.10	40.30	41.50	42.71
6"	78.10	78.10	80.51	82.92	85.32

Private Hydrant Connection (per month)

FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
(per Ord. 1857)	(per Ord. 1857)			
\$ 22.90	\$ 22.90	\$ 23.61	\$ 24.32	\$ 25.02

Private Fire Sprinkler Connections (per month)

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Meter Size	(per Ord. 1867)	(per Ord. 1867)			
2"	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.98	\$ 6.16	\$ 6.34
3"	11.50	11.50	11.85	12.20	12.56
4"	22.90	22.90	23.61	24.32	25.02
6"	45.80	45.80	47.21	48.62	50.03
8"	84.00	84.00	86.59	89.18	91.76
10"	129.70	129.70	129.70	129.70	129.70
12"	190.70	190.70	190.70	190.70	190.70

ORDAINED and **ADOPTED** this 2nd day of December 2024, by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed.

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

David B. Nellans, President

ATTEST:

**Wendy Mis
Clerk-Treasurer**