

**ORDINANCE 1777**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MUNSTER, INDIANA  
WAIVING INTERNAL WATER BILLING DURING 2020**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Munster, Indiana ("Town") operates a municipally owned water utility, as defined at IC 8-1-2-1, which is also known as a waterworks, as defined at IC 36-9-2-14; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council of the Town of Munster ("Town Council" or "Council") is a municipal legislative body that also serves as the board of directors of the department of waterworks ("Water Board"), as authorized through IC 8-1.5-4-2, and regulates the water utility service, as authorized through IC 36-9-2-15; and

**WHEREAS**, With the passage of time the Water Board updates, either temporarily or permanently, its various practices, procedures, and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Beginning in calendar and fiscal year 2020, debt service obligations payable from ad valorem property taxes in Lake County, Indiana, are to be included in the calculation of limits to property tax liability (IC 6-1.1-20.6 et seq.), thereby imposing financial stress on Town operating funds supported by ad valorem property taxes; now, therefore, be it

**ORDAINED** By the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, that water utility billing is waived for Town operating funds supported by ad valorem property taxes from the January 2020 water utility bill (for the billing period starting November 15, 2019) to and including the December 2020 water utility bill (for the billing period ending November 14, 2020), with normal water utility billing resuming thereafter unless the waiver is extended by ordinance.

**ORDAINED and ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Indiana, on the 21st day of October 2019, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_ opposed.

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

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**Dr. Andy Koultourides, President**

**ATTEST:**

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**David F. Shafer, IAMC, MMC, CMO, Clerk-Treasurer**