

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES
AND CHARGES FOR USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED
BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF FERDINAND AND
AMENDING 10.02.060 AND 10.10.045 REGARDING CONNECTION FEES FOR WATER
AND SEWER AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.30 RELATING TO CONNECTION FEES
FOR ELECTRIC SEVICE

WHEREAS, the Town of Ferdinand owns and operates a water utility furnishing water to customers situated within the corporate limits of the Town of Ferdinand and the unincorporated area adjacent thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has received and reviewed a rate study analysis prepared by its Clerk Treasurer, as well as the current and future operating expenses, needed capital improvements, and existing cash reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that an increase in rates as indicated below is needed in order for the water utility to meet operating expenses, complete capital improvements, and have a reasonable and prudent cash reserve; and

WHEREAS, the wholesale rate increase was introduced, but tabled, in May, 2021 to afford and opportunity for the Town and representatives of St. Henry Water to further discuss the proposed increase and the need therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered rate analysis studies prepared by the Clerk Treasurer and determined that the current \$850 tap in charge for water and sewer is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of materials and should be increased:
and

WHEREAS, a typo was located in Section 10.03.040 and the Town Council wishes, by this ordinance, to correct that paragraph; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the past rate study reports prepared by the Clerk Treasurer as well as the current expenses related to electric service connections and determined that future electric service connection fees should be charged;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Ferdinand Town Council:

1. Sections 10.02.080 is amended as follows:

10.02.080 Wholesale for Resale.

All metered consumption: \$7.1685 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum Charge (35,000 gallons per month) \$250.90 per month

Section 10.02.060 Connection Charge is amended as follows:

Tap in amount is increased to \$1250.00 - no other changes to 10.02.060.

Section 10.10.045 is amended as follows:

Tap in amount is increased to \$1250.00 - no other changes to 10.10.045
Section 10.03.040 is amended as follows:

Current language deleted and replaced with:

10.03.040. Prior Approval of Water Mains. Notwithstanding Section 10.03.010, in new developments where the water main cannot be reasonably constructed within the platted or reserved right-of-way of any street accepted by the Town as of January 1, 1988, or where existing mains are to be re-located, the developer shall submit detailed drawings to the Superintendent for prior approval. The developer shall be responsible for installation of all water mains installed to the Town's specifications and as set forth in the drawings and inspected and approved by the Town prior to acceptance. Final "as built" plans must be filed with the Town as a condition of acceptance. The developer is deemed to have given the Town a warranty for one year from the date of the Town's acceptance, assuring that the mains are of sufficient quality and are installed so as to work properly for the period of the warranty. All residential water mains must be at least ten inches in diameter, all industrial water mains must be at least ten inches in diameter, and all mains must have a "Class 900 PVC SDR 18 150 PSI" or "200 Cast Iron and Ductile Iron 150 PSI" industry standard classification. One limited variance to the foregoing exists in situations where there is no ten inch. In those instances eight inch is allowed. All valves shall be installed at locations specified by the Water Utility Superintendent. All mains must have at least three and one-half feet of suitable cover and have provision for installation of fire hydrants by the Town every five hundred feet.

Chapter 10.30 is amended as follows:

10.30.020 is amended to read as follows:

10.30.020. Application for Electric Service Connection. Persons requesting a service connect for purposes of electric service, shall, prior to commencement of construction and at least fourteen days prior to the date service is desired, complete and file with the Utility Clerk, an Application For Electric Service Connection", a copy of which is attached to this chapter. Fees and charges are due at the time of application. Residential service is \$200. Commercial or small industrial service is \$400 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater. Industrial service is \$1000 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater.

The application currently in the code is replaced with one one which is attached.

2. All other provisions of Ferdinand Municipal Code relating to utility charges shall remain unchanged.

3. This Ordinance shall be effective with the first full billing cycle after its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana, this day of _____ 2021.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FERDINAND, INDIANA

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ATTEST:

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APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE CONNECTION

(A separate application must be used for each meter/service class)

Today's Date _____ Date Service Requested _____

Property Owner _____

Current Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Business Phone _____ Cell _____

Service Address _____

Service Class: _____ Residential \$200
_____ Commercial/ Light Industrial \$400 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater
_____ Industrial \$1000 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater

Size of Service Main _____ amps

Contractor Name _____ Phone _____

FEES and CHARGES: All fees are due at the time of application. Residential service is \$200, Commercial or small industrial service is \$400 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater and Industrial service is \$1000 or \$2 per amp whichever is greater. While no other charges are usually required for most new service installations, the Town reserves the right to charge the customer based on a labor and material basis for work requiring abnormal or extended efforts due to size/length, necessary parts/equipment, and or labor. Relocations or service upgrades are charged on a labor and material basis, with a required initial fee equal to the installation fee (above) of the existing or new service class (whichever is greater), and any remaining balance billed to customer. The meter base will be installed at an accessible outside location approved by the Town of Ferdinand. It must be kept free of obstructions or hazard at all times for the purpose of meter reading, inspection, and maintenance. Temporary service, to include a pole and service drop as necessary, is charged at the actual cost of labor and materials, less the value of any material returned to stock. Town of Ferdinand overhead or underground wires, material, and equipment shall be located as mutually agreed prior to the original installation. Any change in location as agreed, or damage caused by the customer after the installation begins, will be at the customer expense. A schedule of connection fees and monthly charges for residential and as well as other services as may be required for commercial, industrial, and demand classification is available from billing office at Town Hall.