

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 30 AND 78 OF
THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH,
INDIANA AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith has caused a financial study of the Griffith municipal waterworks to be made by H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Mishawaka, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the study indicates that the rates and charges are not sufficient to meet reasonable financial requirements of the utility and that water rates and charges should be increased on an "across-the-board" basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that its rates and charges should provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of maintenance and operations, including payment in lieu of taxes, to provide funds for necessary replacements and improvements to the waterworks, to provide adequate money for working capital, and to pay the principal and interest on the outstanding bonds in accordance with the applicable bond ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks of said Town are too low and are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate and maintain its waterworks plant; to provide for depreciation; to pay service on indebtedness of the waterworks and maintain a debt service reserve, finance necessary extensions, betterments and improvements to the system and to make payments in lieu of taxes all as is provided by I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.1 and the existing rates and charges should be increased;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA

Section 1. Section 30-76 FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE FEE and Section 78-71 ENUMERATION (Rates) shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 30-76 FIRE PROTECTION CAPACITY FEE

Rates and charges for the fire protection capacity shall be collected by the water utility from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected to the utility which shall be payable to the water utility and not the general fund as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount per month determined as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Monthly Charge</u>
5/8 - 3/4	inch	\$1.40
1	inch	3.35
1 1/4	inch	6.70
1 1/2	inch	6.70
2	inch	10.70
3	inch	20.05
4	inch	33.40
6	inch	66.75
8	inch	106.80

SECTION 78-71 ENUMERATION (Rates)

- (a) For the use of and service rendered by the water utility of the Town of Griffith, Indiana, the following rates and charges are based upon the amount of water supplied by the water utility:

<u>Consumption Per Month</u>	<u>Consumption Rates Per 1,000 gallons*</u>
First 5,000 gallons	\$3.78
Next 10,000 gallons	3.61
Next 20,000 gallons	3.39
Next 40,000 gallons	3.06
Next 80,000 gallons	2.69
Over 155,000 gallons	2.32

- (b) Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

<u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge*</u>
5/8 - 3/4 inch	\$10.05
1 inch	17.25
1 1/4 inch	26.50
1 1/2 inch	52.00
2 inch	95.45
3 inch	127.20
4 inch	147.35
6 inch	168.50
8 inch	210.95

- (c) Fire Protection Service:

Municipal hydrants – per hydrant – per annum	\$264.55
Private hydrants – per hydrant – per annum	\$264.55

Private Fire Protection Service:

Connection – per annum

1 1/2 inch connection	\$29.15
2 inch connection	53.80
2 1/2 inch connection	94.15
3 inch connection	107.60
4 inch connection	215.25
6 inch connection	264.55
8 inch connection	318.35

- (d) Municipal Fountains – per annum \$102.25

* The above rates are subject to a Purchased Water Cost Adjustment Tracking factor as amended from time to time to reflect the change of the wholesale cost of purchased water found in Appendix A attached.

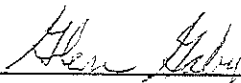
Section 2. The Town hereby elects to receive payments in lieu of taxes from the waterworks.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

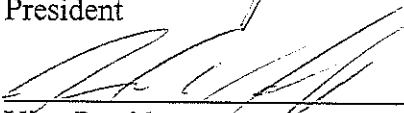
Section 4. The rates and charges as herein set forth shall become effective on the first full billing period occurring after the adoption of this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2013

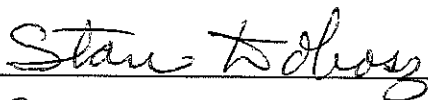
Griffith Town Council




President




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ATTEST:



George Jerome, Clerk-Treasurer

GRIFFITH (INDIANA) MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

APPENDIX A

Purchased Water Cost Adjustment Tracking Factor (Applicable to Water Consumption and Minimum Rates)

The rate adjustment shall be on the basis of a Purchased Water Cost Adjustment Tracking Factor, occasioned solely by the changes in the cost of wholesale purchased water.

The tracking factor to be added to the above listed rates shall be \$0.00 per 1,000 gallons.