

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE CHAPTER 78  
UTILITIES, ARTICLE III. SEWER SERVICE, DIVISION 5 RATES AND CHARGES,  
SECTION 78-179(f)**

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-1-3-2 confers upon all local units the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, IC 36-1-3-6(b)(1) prescribes that any such exercise of power shall be authorized through enactment of an ordinance passed by the legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Griffith is a municipal government located in Lake County, Indiana, which may pass and codify ordinances for its operation, all pursuant to IC 36-1-4 and IC 36-1-5; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer months a number of residents use potable water from the Town's distribution system for such uses as lawn sprinkling, garden watering and car washing; and

**WHEREAS**, the water used for the aforesaid activities does not enter into the Town's sanitary system and therefore is not treated by the Hammond Sanitary District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith is of the opinion that it is just and proper that single-family residential users of the Town's sanitary sewer system not be penalized for sprinkling their lawns, watering their gardens, washing their cars and doing similar summer time activities involving water usage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith that Town Code Chapter 78 Utilities, Article III. Sewer Service, Division 5 Rates and Charges, Section 78-179(f) shall be replaced in its entirety to read as follows:


(f) In order that the single-family residential users of the town's sewage services not be penalized for sprinkling lawns, watering gardens, washing cars and doing similar summertime activities during the billing periods of May 21 through June 20, June 21 through July 20, July 21 through August 20, and August 21 through September 20 (which service is billed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, August, September and October, respectively), the billing for sewage service for single-family residential users for said periods shall be based upon the water usage during the previous November 21 through December 20 period (billed on the previous January 5<sup>th</sup>), if such January 5<sup>th</sup> water bill usage is lower than the aforementioned summer bills, and if the owner of the property has remained the same. Said rate shall only apply to single-family residential users in the Town. There is a \$40.00 maximum summer credit for any one month billing period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any and all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting in accordance with Indiana Code 36-5-2-10.

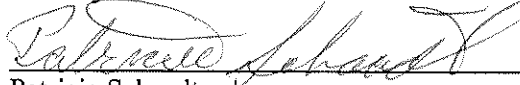
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF  
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

  
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Attest:

  
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George Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer