

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 –35

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WATER BILL ARREARAGE
REPAYMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith has undertaken an ongoing water meter replacement program which became necessary after individual meters were continuously failing to report the property's monthly usage;

WHEREAS, the Town attempted to estimate usage based on the individual resident's prior usage until the meter could be properly read and asked the residents to self-report by reading their own meters;

WHEREAS, it became apparent that some homeowners would be impacted with an initial higher water bill if they were receiving estimated bills prior to the installation of a new meter but exceeded the usage of the estimated bills;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes these developments may cause financial hardships to the citizens of Griffith;

WHEREAS, the Town Council identified a need to establish a repayment plan to assist with bills in arrears.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Indiana that the following repayment plans will be put in place and directs the Clerk Treasurer's office to negotiate repayments for outstanding or past due balances giving residents the following time periods:

Balance:

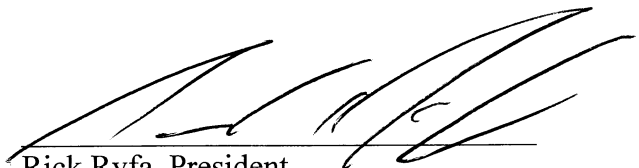
- \$500 up to 12 months
- \$501-\$1500 up to 24 months
- \$1501+ up to 36 months

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to participate in the repayment plan, a new water meter must have already been installed at the property and all current billing must be kept up to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town reserves the right to charge all legal fees and penalties should there be a default in the payment plan, pursuant to current ordinances.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA ON THIS 16th DAY OF August, 2022.**

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




Rick Ryfa, President

James Marker

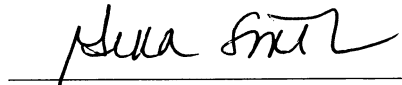


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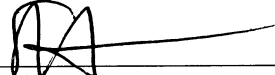
Attest:



Melissa Robbins



Gina Smith – Clerk Treasurer



Tony Hobson