

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICE RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Garrett owns and operates a waterworks system for said City for the purpose of providing a sufficient supply of water at a proper quality and pressure to the inhabitants of the City, and properly protecting the health, well being and property of said City and its inhabitants, and

WHEREAS, Financial Solutions Group, Inc., financial consultants to the City, have prepared a Rate Consultants Report, based upon a review of books and records of the Utility in order to determine an appropriate rate increase needed to provide revenue for, among other things, the projects listed in the Capital Improvement Plan, of the municipal waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Consultants Reports indicates that current rates and charges as established by Ordinance No. 2017-08 are insufficient to meet the reasonable financial requirements of the Utility and that water rates and charges should be increased and the Council deems it advisable that all rates and charges be increased by two percent (2%) at this time along with an increase of the tap/connection charge which is recommended to be \$1,750.00 in order to cover the costs of materials and labor needed to connect a customer to the waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Garrett now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of services rendered by the waterworks system of said City are too low and are insufficient to pay the necessary expenses incident to the operation of said waterworks, including maintenance costs, operation charges, upkeep, repair, depreciation, interest charges on obligations of the waterworks, provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of indebtedness, and to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital and funds to make extensions and replacements, to make payments in lieu of taxes, and to provide a reasonable return on the waterworks which the Common Council elects to provide, and that accordingly, such existing rates and charges do not produce income sufficient to maintain the waterworks properly in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service, all as provided in Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, INDIANA, THAT:

Section I. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.17 shall read as follows:

51.17 MONTHLY WATER USAGE - BLOCK RATES

This schedule sets forth the rates and charges for the water supplied by the waterworks system to the city. The following block rates (subject to the monthly minimum provided below) apply to metered water usage on a monthly basis.

Gallons of Water	Rate per 1,000 Gallons
First 3,000	\$ 8.87
Next 7,000	\$ 7.84
Next 15,000	\$ 6.75
Next 25,000	\$ 5.66
Next 50,000	\$ 4.62
Over 100,000	\$ 3.58

Section II. Garrett City Code, Title 5, 51.18 shall be amended as follows:

51.18 MONTHLY WATER USAGE - MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE

The monthly minimum charge per meter shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (Inches)	Minimum Gallons Allowed	Minimum Monthly Rates
5/8 - 3/4	3,000	\$ 26.62
1	6,500	\$ 54.05
1 ¼	11,200	\$ 89.59
1 ½	15,600	\$ 119.32
2	24,400	\$ 178.76
3	40,000	\$ 267.69
4	50,600	\$ 327.05
6	92,700	\$ 521.73

Section III. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.19 shall read as follows:

51.19 ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT AND FIRE PROTECTION

The charge for fire protection water service obtained through a private hydrant is \$ 1,133.78 per hydrant per annum.

Section IV. Garrett City Code, Title 5, Section 51.26 is hereby amended as follows:

**51.26 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF GARRETT MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES MONTHLY BILLING CHARTS**

(A) Monthly billing charts - residential users.

The Garrett Municipal Water Utility Monthly Billing Charts as prepared by Financial Solutions Group, Inc., based on the rates and charges in this ordinance are hereby adopted and incorporated as part of this code of ordinances as if set out fully herein.

Section V. The Garrett City Code, Title V, Section 51.23(B) shall read as follows:

51.23 TAP CHARGE

(B) The charge for a 5/8-inch to 3/4-inch installation shall be in the amount of \$1,750.00 plus the cost of the meter. The charge for a one-inch or larger installation shall be the labor and material costs incurred, including the cost of the meter, but in no event shall the charge be less than \$1,750.00 plus the cost of the meter.

Section VI. The Council shall review and adjust the rates and charges on an annual basis. The Clerk-Treasurer is directed to cause a rate consultant's report to be prepared and submitted annually to the Council. This report shall be based on the most recent year end data and submitted to the Council on or before May 1st of each year.

Section VII. All other provisions of Title V, Section 51 remain unchanged and in full force and effect.



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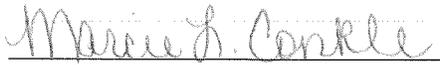
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Presented to me this 6th day of November, 2018, at 7:05 o'clock A.M./P.M., and
I hereby approved this Resolution this 6th day of November, 2018.



Todd A. Fiandt, Mayor
City of Garrett, Indiana

ATTEST:



Marcie L. Conkle, Clerk-Treasurer