

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATES AND CHARGES BY THE TOWN OF BROOKVILLE, INDIANA

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the water works of the Town of Brookville, Indiana (“Town”) are hereby notified that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., local time at the Franklin County Government Center located at 1010 Franklin Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brookville, Indiana, in order to receive public input on such proposed Ordinance and will consider adoption thereof at such time. The schedule of fees, which is more fully set forth in the following Ordinance and will be discussed at the November 1, 2022 hearing is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BROOKVILLE PERTAINING TO THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF BROOKVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Brookville, Indiana (the “Town”) has established, acquired, and financed its waterworks pursuant to I.C. 8-1.5 et. seq., as amended, and other applicable provisions of Indiana Law (collectively, the “Act”), for the purpose of providing for furnishing of drinking water and related services in and outside the Town; and

WHEREAS, the current schedule of rates and charges for the waterworks are set for in and billed and collected by the Town pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-1 (the “2021 Ordinance”), codified in Chapter 50 of the Town of Brookville Town Code of Ordinances, and adopted by the Town Council of the Town (the “Council”); and

WHEREAS, the Council was made aware that the rates for 2022 were not increased pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-1 due to the Utility Tax Receipts repeal and now need modified;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks do not provide sufficient revenues to pay all the legal and necessary expenses incident to the operation of such waterworks, including, but not necessarily limited to, maintenance costs, operation charges, upkeep, repairs, interest charges on obligations at the waterworks, funds for the liquidation of indebtedness (if any), and to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital and funds for making extensions and replacements; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current rates and charges do not produce an income sufficient to maintain the waterworks property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks must be increased in order to provide sufficient revenue to meet such requirements, including the requirements of the act; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the rates and charges set forth herein, will enable the Town to meet its legal revenue requirements for the waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Council has caused notice of a public hearing on the rates and charges set forth herein to be duly advertised, posted and mailed, and has held a public hearing thereon, all pursuant to the act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Town Council of the Town of Brookville, Indiana, that:

Section 1. Rates and Charges. The schedule of Metered Rates per month and the Minimum Charges per month as set forth in Ordinance 2021-1 and codified in Chapter 50, Section 50.15 Subsections (A) and (B) and (D) of the Town of Brookville Town Code of Ordinances are hereby specifically amended and replaced with the rates and charges attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the “Amended Rates and Charges”).

Section 2. Aside from the specifics amendments to the Metered Rates per month and the Minimum Charges per month as set forth in Exhibit A, and other provisions of Ordinance 2021-1 and Chapter 50 of the Town of Brookville Town Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT A

Subsections (A) and (B) of Section 50.15 of the Town of Brookville Town Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed and amended with the following:

(A) Metered Rates

	2022	2023	2024
Metered rates per month	Per Thousand Gallons	Per Thousand Gallons	Per Thousand Gallons
First 2,333 gallons	\$5.38	\$5.54	\$5.71
Next 4,333 gallons	\$4.23	\$4.36	\$4.49
Next 10,000 gallons	\$3.21	\$3.31	\$3.41
Next 16,667 gallons	\$2.66	\$2.74	\$2.82

	2022	2023	2024
Metered rates per month	Per Thousand Gallons	Per Thousand Gallons	Per Thousand Gallons
Next 33,333 gallons	\$2.16	\$2.22	\$2.29

(B) Minimum Charges

	2022	2023	2024
Minimum Charges	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
5/8 inch meter	\$12.55	\$12.93	\$13.32
3/4 inch meter	\$13.30	\$13.70	\$14.11
1 inch meter	\$24.85	\$25.60	\$26.37
1 1/4 inch meter	\$44.45	\$45.78	\$47.15
1 1/2 inch meter	\$71.22	\$73.36	\$75.56
2 inch meter	\$133.83	\$137.84	\$141.98
3 inch meter	\$252.80	\$260.38	\$268.19
4 inch meter	\$469.44	\$483.52	\$498.03
6 inch meter	\$794.42	\$818.25	\$842.80

(D) **Service Outside Corporate Limits:** Water customers located outside the Town shall pay 25% more than the rates in the above schedule.

At the November 1, 2022 meeting of the Town Council and prior to final adoption of the Ordinance, any property owners, ratepayers or anyone else interested in the proceedings may appear and be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The hearing may be adjourned if necessary.

Complete copies of the Ordinance is on file with the Clerk-Treasurer and available for inspection by any interested parties during regular business hours at the Municipal Office located at 1020 Franklin Avenue, Brookville, Indiana.

Town of Brookville
October 12, 2022