

Ordinance 12-01 - Water Rate Adjustment Summary

This Water Rate Ordinance is being proposed to the Westfield City Council to establish a just and reasonable fee within the City of Westfield, Indiana. The Public Works Department, under the jurisdiction of the City Council owns and operates the water utility and implements the ordinances ordained by the City Council.

This Water Rate Ordinance is designed to recover and pay the cost of rendering water services to the users of the water system. This water user rate is established so as to maintain adequate fund reserves to provide for reasonably expected variations in the cost of providing services, to meet bond and payment obligations for the distribution and treatment of water, and to meet the compliance requirements codes for water operations within the State of Indiana, as well as variation in the demand for services.

These rates shall be evaluated annually as to its sufficiency to satisfy the budgetary needs of the City's water utility as required pursuant to IC 8-1.5-3-8.

Additionally, a Public Notice of the hearing on such rates and charges shall be published per state statute 10 days prior to the public hearing in the newspaper.

Water Rate Adjustment as defined in the proposed Ordinance 12-01

Water Service Rates and Charges

Metered Rates - All Users							
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential Monthly Base Charge -5/8" Meter			\$ 8.75	\$ 9.63	\$ 10.11	\$ 10.41	\$ 10.62
All Other Users - Monthly Base Charges:							
<u>Meters</u>		<u>Area Ratio</u>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	inch or less	2.5	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 23.10	\$ 23.79	\$ 24.27
1.25	Inch Meter	4.0	32.00	35.20	36.96	38.06	38.83
1.5	Inch Meter	5.8	46.40	51.04	53.59	55.19	56.31
2	Inch Meter	10.0	80.00	88.00	92.40	95.16	97.08
3	Inch Meter	23.0	184.00	202.40	212.52	218.87	223.28
4	Inch Meter	40.0	320.00	352.00	369.60	380.64	388.32
6	Inch Meter	91.0	728.00	800.80	840.84	865.96	883.43
Monthly Usage Per 1,000 Gallons			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
First 5,000 gallons			\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.79	\$ 3.87
Next 5,000 gallons			3.00	3.50	3.68	3.79	3.87
Over 10,000 gallons - Residential			5.00	5.00	5.25	5.41	5.52
Over 10,000 gallons - Non-Res.			3.00	3.00	3.15	3.24	3.30
Hydrant Service Fees -- Inside City			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Private Hydrant Service Fee Per Year			\$ 948.38	\$ 1,043.22	\$ 1,095.38	\$ 1,128.24	\$ 1,150.80
Public Fire Protection Service Fee Per Month			2.76	3.11	3.27	3.37	3.44
<u>Meters</u>		<u>Area Ratio</u>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
5/8 - 3/4	Inch Meter	1.0	\$ 2.83	\$ 3.11	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.44
1	Inch Meter	2.5	7.08	7.78	8.18	8.43	8.60
1.25	Inch Meter	4.0	11.32	12.44	13.08	13.48	13.76
1.5	Inch Meter	5.8	16.41	18.04	18.97	19.55	19.95
2	Inch Meter	10.0	28.30	31.10	32.70	33.70	34.40
3	Inch Meter	23.0	65.09	71.53	75.21	77.51	79.12
4	Inch Meter	40.0	113.20	124.40	130.80	134.80	137.60
6	Inch Meter	91.0	257.53	283.01	297.57	306.67	313.04
Sprinkler Systems-Annual Service Fee							
<u>Meter Size</u>			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2 inches			\$ 189.11	\$ 208.02	\$ 218.42	\$ 224.97	\$ 229.47
3 inches			379.64	417.60	438.48	451.63	460.66
4 inches			568.75	625.63	656.91	676.62	690.15
6 inches			948.38	1,043.22	1,095.38	1,128.24	1,150.80
8 inches			1,707.65	1,878.42	1,972.34	2,031.51	2,072.14
10 inches			3,402.71	3,742.98	3,930.13	4,048.03	4,128.99
Hydrant Service Fees -- Outside City			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Private Hydrant Service Fee Per Year			\$ 948.38	\$ 1,043.22	\$ 1,095.38	\$ 1,128.24	\$ 1,150.80
Public Fire Protection Service Fee Per Month			5.66	6.23	6.54	6.74	6.87
<u>Meters</u>		<u>Area</u>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016

		<u>Ratio</u>						
5/8 - 3/4	Inch Meter	1.0	\$ 5.66	\$ 6.23	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.74	\$ 6.87	
1	Inch Meter	2.5	14.15	15.58	16.35	16.85	17.18	
1.25	Inch Meter	4.0	22.64	24.92	26.16	26.96	27.48	
1.5	Inch Meter	5.8	32.83	36.13	37.93	39.09	39.85	
2	Inch Meter	10.0	56.60	62.30	65.40	67.40	68.70	
3	Inch Meter	23.0	130.18	143.29	150.42	155.02	158.01	
4	Inch Meter	40.0	226.40	249.20	261.60	269.60	274.80	
6	Inch Meter	91.0	515.06	566.93	595.14	613.34	625.17	

Timeline for Implementation of Water Ordinance 12-01

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The following is the time line as established by Indiana Code for the implementation of Water Rate Adjustment Ordinance:

- January 23, 2012 - Introduce Ordinance to Town Council
- February 8, 2012 – Introduction of Water Ordinance to the Pre-Council Members.
- February 13, 2012 – First Reading of the Water Rate Ordinance to the City Council regarding water rate adjustment
- February 14, 2012 - Notice of Public Hearing received by newspaper for publication. (Noon 2 Business Days Prior –Indy Star) or (Noblesville Ledger and Noblesville Time)
- February 17, 2012 - Notice of Public Hearing published in the paper.
- February 27, 2012 – City Council holds a public hearing on the Water Rate Ordinance.
- March 12, 2012 – Second Reading and consideration for adoption by the City Council regarding Water Rate Ordinance.
- March 17, 2012 – Objection period expires. (5 Days after Adoption)
- April 15, 2012 – Water rate adjustment billing begins for services rendered.

The Westfield Public Works Department recommends that these updates be forwarded to the Westfield City Council for a for a First Reading on this day, February 13, 2012, a Public Hearing on February 27, 2012, and a Second Reading and consideration for adoption on March 12, 2012