

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11-11-06

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarks Hill has not increased the monthly base rates for water service (first 1,000 gallons) and for sewer service (first 1,000 gallons) since Ordinance No. 2019-11-04-3 was passed on November 2019 (calling for a 15% increase in said base rates); and WHEREAS, the costs to the Town to provide water service and sewer service to Town residents have increased substantially over the past years; and

WHEREAS the Town must increase base rates for water service Forty four percent (44%) to meet rising costs; and

WHEREAS a study of the Town of Clarks Hill Water Treatment Plant master plan study conducted by Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., found elevated levels of Manganese and Arsenic within the raw water supply due to short-circuiting of filter media occurring between filtration cells, along with poor condition of filtering media; and

WHEREAS, a public health emergency exists under IC 36-1-2-4.5, 36-1-8-4, and IC 36-1-12 et al, due to the damages filtering media requiring immediate repair of the Town of Clarks Hill Water Treatment Plant, such that the health, safety, and/or welfare of the community and its citizens are endangered until repairs are made complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKS HILL, INDIANA. THAT:

Section 1. Section 53.20(a) of the Clarks Hill Municipal Code, regarding water rates and charges, is amended to show that the monthly base rate (first 1,000 gallons) for water service shall increase by forty four percent (44%), effective with water bills delivered in Jan 2024. The current rate is.

\$13.05 and the new rate... will be \$18.79 which is an increase of \$5.74 per month for the first 1,000 gallons... And increase of \$2.12 for a total of \$6.92 for every 1,000 gallons after that.

Min. will be for 5/8" meter pipe \$18.79, 1-meter pipe \$51.37, 2"-meter pipe \$197.97.

Section 2. Section 51.05 of the Clarks Hill Municipal Code, regarding sewer rates and charges, is to remain the same currently. monthly base rate of \$26.62 (first 1,000 gallons serviced) and \$ \$5.86 for every 1,000 gallons after that.

Section 3. The foregoing amendments shall take effect on February 2024 water bill.

In addition, The Town of Clarks Hill declares an emergency declaration under IC 36-1-2-4.5, 36-1-8-4, and IC 36-1-12 et al, for the purposes of repairing, and purchasing supplies and/or services for repairs, of the Town of Clarks Hill Water Treatment Plant.

INTRODUCED AND FILED ON THE 6 DAY OF November 2023
PASSED ON FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ON December 2023, BY A VOTE OF
____ IN FAVOR AND ____ OPPOSED. FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE

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4th DAY OF December 2023, PASSED, ADOPTED AND DULY
ORDAINED BY A VOTE OF ____ IN FAVOR AND ____ OPPOSED, ON 4th
DAY OF December 2023.

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