

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09-08(a)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES
OF THE TOWN OF LAGRANGE MUNICIPAL SEWAGE WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Town of LaGrange, Indiana, is the owner of and operates a Sewage Treatment Plant and Collection System for the treatment of sewage for said Town and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 2006-1-3(e), 2001-5-7, Ordinance No. 1998-10-3-B, Ordinance No. 1997-11-3, and 2015-08-17 to establish the existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the Sewage Works of said Town in order to produce sufficient revenue to pay all of the necessary expenses incident to the operation of the Sewage Works, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, and other obligations; to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of bonds and other indebtedness; funds for making extensions and replacements; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the Sewage Works of said Town are too low and are insufficient to produce sufficient revenue to pay all of the necessary expenses of the Sewage Works;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED that Ordinance No. 2006-1-3(e), Ordinance No. 2001-5-7, Ordinance No. 1998-10-3-B, Ordinance No. 1997-11-3, and 2015-08-17 are hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. – Paragraph is amended by deletion of the rates and charges which follow the words “all Class I users”, and the insertion of the following language:

Class I Users

(1) Treatment Rate Per 1,000 Gallons of Usage Per Month:

<u>User Charge</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$ 4.25	\$ 1.72	\$5.97

Plus:

(2) Base Rate Per Month:

<u>Meter Size</u>			
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 8.15	\$ 2.25	\$ 10.40
1"	16.73	5.72	22.45
1 1/4" – 1 1/2"	35.57	13.18	48.75
2"	59.62	22.78	82.40
3"	133.91	52.34	186.25
4"	236.79	93.26	330.05
6"	528.37	209.28	737.65
8"	939.94	373.06	1,313.00

For users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined by equivalent single-family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month).

The schedule on which said rates and charges will be determined is as follows:

	<u>Monthly Rate</u> <u>User Charge</u>
Residential: Single-Family Dwelling Unit	\$ 32.50

Additionally, each user shall be charged a general improvement fee based on the size of their meter. The schedule on which said fee will be determined is as follows:

Public Utility General Improvement Fee per Month:

<u>Meter Size</u>		
	5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 9.70
	1"	31.25
	1 1/4" – 1 1/2"	62.50
	2"	187.50
	3"	250.00
 <u>Tap Fees</u>		
	5/8" - 3/4"	200.00
	1" and larger	Cost, but not less than 200.00

Must pay the minimum and receive a permit from the Clerk-Treasurer's office before receiving a building permit.

Delinquent Bill Charges After 10th day of month	Ten percent (10%) of delinquent bill
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Nonrecurring charges: A deposit of \$50.00 shall be required for all new sewer users, and a tag charge of \$5.00 shall likewise be charged. A reconnect charge of \$25.00 shall be billed to all clients who need reconnected, and a disconnect charge of \$25.00 shall likewise be charged. A returned check fee of \$40.00 will be charged for any returned checks.

For all users outside Town Boundaries, rates and charges shall include a surcharge of 14.9% above applicable inside Town Boundary rates and charges.

In all other respects, Ordinance No. 2006-1-3(e), Ordinance No. 2001-5-7, Ordinance No. 1998-10-3-B, Ordinance No. 1997-11-3, and 2015-08-17 are hereby reaffirmed where not inconsistent with the rates and charges herein modified.

The rates and charges above shall become effective and apply to the first full consumption cycle following approval of this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of LaGrange on the 5th day of October, 2020.

Town Council, Town of LaGrange, Indiana

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Clerk-Treasurer