

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-8

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN
CODE OF MARKLE TO MODIFY EXISTING RATES
AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF MARKLE**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Markle, Indiana, heretofore adopted, and thereafter amended, Town Code of Markle ("Code") establishing a schedule of rates and charges to be collected by the Town of Markle from owners of the property served by its Water Utility, and

WHEREAS, the rates in effect under the aforementioned Code are determined by the Town Council after review and consideration to be inadequate to provide for the operation of the Water Utility, and

WHEREAS, the enabling statutes of the State of Indiana require that rates and charges be collected for the use of services rendered by that Water Utility shall be fixed by ordinance and finally adopted after due notice and public hearing, and

WHEREAS, following such notice and hearing, the Town Council of Markle has determined that an amendment is advisable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARKLE, INDIANA, in a meeting duly assembled, that the presently effective schedule of the Town's Water Utility rates and charges as set out in §52.50 and §52.51 of the Code should be, and those Code Sections are hereby, deleted and replaced by the following:

§ 52.50 METERED WATER USERS – SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES.

- (A) The water rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, except as herein otherwise provided.
- (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of division (A) of this section, every user shall be charged for a minimum usage per month of 5,000 gallons whether or not they use any water.
- (C) For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for water service, the water meters shall be read monthly (or period approximating a month).
- (D) Water Usage Schedule. The water usage schedule on which the amount of the rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:
 - (1) Consumption Rate. Per 1,000 gallons of usage per month:

<u>Consumption Per Month</u>			<u>Rate per 1,000 gallons/month</u>	
			(Effective Upon Adoption)	(Effective January 1, 2019)
First	5,000	gallons	\$4.62	\$5.20
Next	15,000	gallons	3.85	4.34
Next	100,000	gallons	3.07	3.46
Next	400,000	gallons	2.34	2.64
Over	520,000	gallons	1.92	2.16

(2) Minimum Charges. Per meter, per month.

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>	
	<u>(Effective Upon Adoption)</u>	<u>(Effective January 1, 2019)</u>
5/8 – 3/4 inch	\$ 23.10	\$ 26.00
1 inch	30.86	34.77
1-1/2 inch	38.59	43.47
2 inch	46.30	52.15
3 inch	77.14	86.89
4 inch	154.32	173.84
6 inch	308.66	347.71

- (E) For the services rendered to the Town, said Town shall be subject to the same rates and charges herein above provided, or to charges and rates established in harmony therewith.
- (F) Fire Protection Availability Charge. Municipal/Private fire hydrants/fire protection sprinkler systems shall pay an availability charge in accordance with the following, which will include reasonable amounts of water dispensed through those connections for appropriate purposes.

<u>Size of Hydrant/ Sprinkler Connection</u>	<u>Annual Charge</u>	
	<u>(Effective Upon Adoption)</u>	<u>(Effective January 1, 2019)</u>
Up to 6 inches	\$561.23	\$632.22

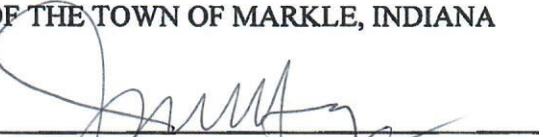
§ 52.51 TAP CHARGE. The tap fee for each hook-up, after the completion of construction of the system, shall be as follows:

- (A) A tap charge shall be collected from each customer before connection to the Town's water system. The charge in each instance shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the Town for labor, material, and overhead necessary for tapping the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including the curb stop) and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. Pending further action by the Town Council the charges shall be as follows:
- (1) All tap charges up to 1 inch connection shall be \$1,015.00; and
 - (2) Larger than 1 inch connection shall be time and material, but no less than \$1,015.00


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for the first billing period to commence after the adoption of this Ordinance, and for all billing periods thereafter, pending further action by this Council.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Markle, Indiana on the 17th day of January, 2018.

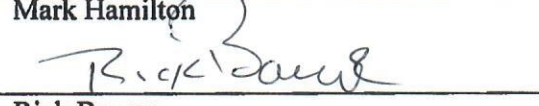
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