

ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO

WHEREAS, water utility customers who are in single family residences are provided with a "sprinkling rate" for a three month billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the sprinkling rate be extended for a period of five months to provide for additional time periods for single family occupied homes to provide for appropriate lawn care and other water uses;

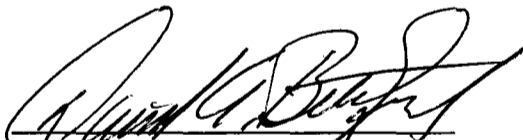
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso that Section 103.04 herein E be amended to read as follows:

In order that the single family domestic and residential users of sewage service shall not be penalized for the use of water for lawn care and other uses during spring and summer consumption months. The billing for sewage services for residences and /or domestic uses for the months of May, June, July, August and September (billing months of June, July, August, September and October) shall be based upon the average water usage for the previous billing months of December, January, February, March, April and May. The sprinkling rate allowance shall not be available to users who have occupied the billed premises for less than three (3) months and not received 3 bills prior to the sprinkling rate billing period. In the event the water usage for the consumption months of May, June, July, August and September is less than the average of the previous months, then the billing for sewage services shall be computed on the actual water used in the month for which the sewage service bill is being charged. Domestic and/or residential sewage service as applicable to the sprinkling rate shall apply to each lot, parcel of real estate or building, which is occupied and used as a single family resident. For purposes of this section condominiums shall be treated as single-family residences.

The sprinkling rate set out herein shall not apply to any premises, which are partially or wholly used for multi-family, commercial, industrial or other non-residential purposes. The owner of any multi-family, commercial, industrial or other non-residential property, which is used partially for residential purposes shall have the right to obtain separate water service for the residential portion of the premises and, if such separation of water service is obtained by the owner, then that water service used solely for residential purposes would qualify for the sprinkling rate provided herein. In the event that a user who does not qualify for the sprinkling allowance desires to be considered for such allowance, then such user shall petition the Board of Public Works and Safety in writing for consideration for this allowance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a 6-0 vote of all members present and voting this 26th day of March, 2001.


David A. Butterfield, Mayor

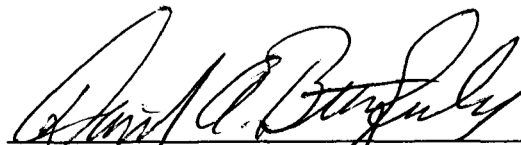
ATTEST:


Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this 26 day of MARCH, 2001, at 7:10 o'clock p.m.


Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this 26 day of MARCH, 2001, at 7:10 o'clock p.m.


David A. Butterfield, Mayor