

ORDINANCE #8, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA INCREASING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Valparaiso, Indiana (the “City”) has established, acquired, and financed its waterworks pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5, as amended (the “Act”), for the purpose of providing for the furnishing of drinking water for inhabitants in and around the City; and

WHEREAS, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, municipal advisor to the City, has prepared a rate report concerning the current rates and charges of the waterworks (the “Report”); and

WHEREAS, based upon the Report, the Common Council of the City (the “Council”) finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks do not produce sufficient revenues to pay all the legal and necessary expenses incident to the operation of such waterworks, including legal expenses, maintenance costs, operating charges, repairs, lease rentals and interest charges on bonds or other obligations of the waterworks, to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of indebtedness, to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital and funds for making extensions and replacements, to make payments in lieu of taxes and to provide a reasonable return on the waterworks utility plant; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Report, the Council finds that the current rates and charges of the waterworks as set forth in Ordinance No. 27-2013, adopted by the Council on November 25, 2013 (the “2013 Ordinance”), do not produce an income sufficient to maintain the waterworks property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks as set forth in the 2013 Ordinance must be increased in order to provide sufficient revenue to meet such requirements and that such rates should be increased in phases as herein provided; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the rates and charges set forth herein are based upon the cost of providing service to the customers of the waterworks and will enable the City to meet its legal revenue requirements for the waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Council has caused notice of a public hearing on the rates and charges set forth herein to be duly advertised and mailed, and has held a public hearing thereon, all pursuant to the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana that:

Section 1. The revised schedule of rates and charges for the waterworks utility services charged by the City attached as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference is hereby

approved and shall go into effect on the first full billing period occurring subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, and all provisions of the Valparaiso City Code, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The rates and charges herein set forth which amend the rates and charges set forth in 2013 Ordinance shall likewise amend the corresponding rates and charges as set forth in the Valparaiso City Code.

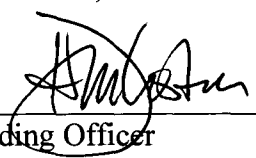
Section 3. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other parts of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid part, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and execution by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2024.

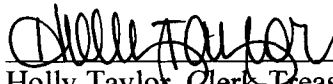
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
VALPARAISO, INDIANA

By: _____


Presiding Officer

Valparaiso Common Council

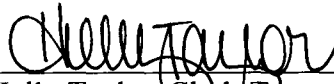
ATTEST:



Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

City of Valparaiso

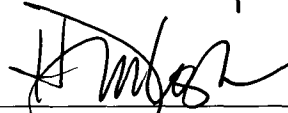
22nd Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, this
day of April, 2024.



Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

City of Valparaiso

Signed and approved by me upon this 22nd day of April, 2024.



Jon Costas, Mayor

City of Valparaiso

EXHIBIT A

Phase I - Effective upon adoption

Phase I - Effective upon adoption			Inside Users		Outside Users*			
<u>Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE</u> (rate per 100 cubic feet)								
First	2,000	cubic feet		\$3.42		\$3.93		
Next	8,000	cubic feet		2.76		3.17		
Over	10,000	cubic feet		2.16		2.48		
GENERAL SERVICE:			Inside Users			Outside Users*		
			Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly	Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly
<u>Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)</u>			<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Protection</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Protection</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>
5/8	inch meter		\$9.56	\$4.20	\$13.76	\$10.98	\$4.82	\$15.80
3/4	inch meter		9.56	4.20	13.76	10.98	4.82	15.80
1	inch meter		11.91	10.77	22.68	13.68	12.38	26.06
1 1/4	inch meter		16.72	24.08	40.80	19.21	27.67	46.88
1 1/2	inch meter		16.72	24.08	40.80	19.21	27.67	46.88
2	inch meter		23.45	42.72	66.17	26.94	49.09	76.03
3	inch meter		42.76	96.18	138.94	49.13	110.51	159.64
4	inch meter		69.79	171.06	240.85	80.19	196.55	276.74
5	inch meter		128.34	333.21	461.55	147.46	382.86	530.32
6	inch meter		146.90	384.58	531.48	168.79	441.88	610.67
8	inch meter		254.97	683.94	938.91	292.96	785.85	1,078.81
10	inch meter		393.86	1,068.46	1,462.32	452.55	1,227.66	1,680.21
<u>Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer</u>			Allowed		Inside Users		Outside Users*	
5/8	inch meter		300		\$24.02		\$27.59	
3/4	inch meter		300		24.02		27.59	
1	inch meter		800		50.04		57.50	
1 1/4	inch meter		1,700		98.94		113.69	
1 1/2	inch meter		1,700		98.94		113.69	
2	inch meter		3,000		162.17		186.33	
3	inch meter		6,800		339.82		390.40	
4	inch meter		12,200		577.57		663.50	
5	inch meter		23,700		1,046.67		1,202.28	
6	inch meter		27,400		1,196.52		1,374.39	
8	inch meter		48,600		2,061.87		2,368.29	
10	inch meter		76,000		3,177.12		3,649.21	
<u>Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System</u> (Annual charge)			Inside Users			Outside Users*		
2	inch connection				\$93.80		\$107.75	
3	inch connection				213.25		245.00	
4	inch connection				375.25		431.15	
5	inch connection				742.05		852.60	
6	inch connection				852.80		979.85	
8	inch connection				1,518.10		1,744.25	
10	inch connection				2,370.85		2,724.10	
<u>ATM Fee (per gallon)</u>			\$0.0117					

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Phase II - Effective July 1, 2025

		Inside Users	Outside Users*
Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)			
First	2,000 cubic feet	\$3.68	\$4.23
Next	8,000 cubic feet	2.97	3.41
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.32	2.66

			Inside Users			Outside Users*		
GENERAL SERVICE:			Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly	Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly
Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)			Service Charge	Protection	Service Charge	Service Charge	Protection	Service Charge
5/8	inch meter		\$10.28	\$4.51	\$14.79	\$11.81	\$5.18	\$16.99
3/4	inch meter		10.28	4.51	14.79	11.81	5.18	16.99
1	inch meter		12.80	11.58	24.38	14.71	13.30	28.01
1 1/4	inch meter		17.97	25.89	43.86	20.65	29.75	50.40
1 1/2	inch meter		17.97	25.89	43.86	20.65	29.75	50.40
2	inch meter		25.21	45.92	71.13	28.97	52.76	81.73
3	inch meter		45.97	103.39	149.36	52.82	118.79	171.61
4	inch meter		75.02	183.89	258.91	86.20	211.29	297.49
5	inch meter		137.97	358.20	496.17	158.53	411.57	570.10
6	inch meter		157.92	413.42	571.34	181.45	475.02	656.47
8	inch meter		274.09	735.24	1,009.33	314.93	844.79	1,159.72
10	inch meter		423.40	1,148.59	1,571.99	486.49	1,319.73	1,806.22

Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer			Allowed	Inside Users		Outside Users*	
5/8	inch meter	300		\$25.83		\$29.68	
3/4	inch meter	300		25.83		29.68	
1	inch meter	800		53.82		61.85	
1 1/4	inch meter	1,700		106.42		122.31	
1 1/2	inch meter	1,700		106.42		122.31	
2	inch meter	3,000		174.43		200.43	
3	inch meter	6,800		365.52		419.89	
4	inch meter	12,200		621.15		713.41	
5	inch meter	23,700		1,125.21		1,291.92	
6	inch meter	27,400		1,286.22		1,476.71	
8	inch meter	48,600		2,216.05		2,543.88	
10	inch meter	76,000		3,414.39		3,919.22	

Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System (Annual charge)			Inside Users		Outside Users*	
2	inch connection		\$100.85		\$115.85	
3	inch connection		229.25		263.40	
4	inch connection		403.40		463.50	
5	inch connection		797.75		916.60	
6	inch connection		916.80		1,053.40	
8	inch connection		1,632.00		1,875.15	
10	inch connection		2,548.70		2,928.45	

ATM Fee (per gallon) \$0.0119

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Phase III - Effective July 1, 2026

Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)

First	2,000 cubic feet	\$3.96	\$4.55
Next	8,000 cubic feet	3.19	3.66
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.49	2.86

GENERAL SERVICE:
Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)

		Inside Users			Outside Users*		
		Customer Service Charge	Public Fire Protection	Total Monthly Service Charge	Customer Service Charge	Public Fire Protection	Total Monthly Service Charge
5/8	inch meter	\$11.05	\$4.85	\$15.90	\$12.70	\$5.57	\$18.27
3/4	inch meter	11.05	4.85	15.90	12.70	5.57	18.27
1	inch meter	13.76	12.45	26.21	15.81	14.31	30.12
1 1/4	inch meter	19.32	27.83	47.15	22.20	31.98	54.18
1 1/2	inch meter	19.32	27.83	47.15	22.20	31.98	54.18
2	inch meter	27.10	49.36	76.46	31.14	56.71	87.85
3	inch meter	49.42	111.14	160.56	56.78	127.70	184.48
4	inch meter	80.65	197.68	278.33	92.67	227.13	319.80
5	inch meter	148.32	385.06	533.38	170.42	442.43	612.85
6	inch meter	169.78	444.43	614.19	195.05	510.65	705.70
8	inch meter	294.65	790.38	1,085.03	338.55	908.15	1,246.70
10	inch meter	455.16	1,234.73	1,689.89	522.98	1,418.70	1,941.68

Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer

		Allowed	Inside Users		Outside Users*	
5/8	inch meter	300	\$27.78		\$31.92	
3/4	inch meter	300	27.78		31.92	
1	inch meter	800	57.89		66.52	
1 1/4	inch meter	1,700	114.47		131.53	
1 1/2	inch meter	1,700	114.47		131.53	
2	inch meter	3,000	187.56		215.45	
3	inch meter	6,800	392.88		451.16	
4	inch meter	12,200	667.51		766.52	
5	inch meter	23,700	1,208.91		1,388.47	
6	inch meter	27,400	1,381.85		1,587.14	
8	inch meter	48,600	2,380.57		2,734.46	
10	inch meter	76,000	3,667.69		4,213.08	

Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System (Annual charge)

		Inside Users		Outside Users*	
2	inch connection	\$108.45		\$124.60	
3	inch connection	246.45		283.15	
4	inch connection	433.70		498.30	
5	inch connection	857.60		985.35	
6	inch connection	985.60		1,132.45	
8	inch connection	1,754.40		2,015.80	
10	inch connection	2,739.90		3,148.10	

ATM Fee (per gallon)

\$0.0122

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Phase IV - Effective July 1, 2027

		Inside Users	Outside Users*
Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)			
First	2,000 cubic feet	\$4.26	\$4.89
Next	8,000 cubic feet	3.43	3.94
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.68	3.08

			Inside Users			Outside Users*		
GENERAL SERVICE:			Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly	Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly
<u>Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)</u>			<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Protection</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>	<u>Protection</u>	<u>Service Charge</u>
5/8	inch meter		\$11.88	\$5.21	\$17.09	\$13.65	\$5.99	\$19.64
3/4	inch meter		11.88	5.21	17.09	13.65	5.99	19.64
1	inch meter		14.79	13.39	28.18	16.99	15.39	32.38
1 1/4	inch meter		20.77	29.92	50.69	23.86	34.38	58.24
1 1/2	inch meter		20.77	29.92	50.69	23.86	34.38	58.24
2	inch meter		29.13	53.06	82.19	33.47	60.97	94.44
3	inch meter		53.13	119.47	172.60	61.05	137.27	198.32
4	inch meter		86.70	212.50	299.20	99.62	244.16	343.78
5	inch meter		159.44	413.94	573.38	183.20	475.61	658.81
6	inch meter		182.49	477.76	660.25	209.68	548.95	758.63
8	inch meter		316.75	849.66	1,166.41	363.95	976.26	1,340.21
10	inch meter		489.30	1,327.33	1,816.63	562.21	1,525.10	2,087.31

<u>Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer</u>			Allowed	Inside Users		Outside Users*	
5/8	inch meter	300		\$29.87		\$34.31	
3/4	inch meter	300		29.87		34.31	
1	inch meter	800		62.26		71.50	
1 1/4	inch meter	1,700		123.11		141.37	
1 1/2	inch meter	1,700		123.11		141.37	
2	inch meter	3,000		201.69		231.64	
3	inch meter	6,800		422.44		485.24	
4	inch meter	12,200		717.76		824.54	
5	inch meter	23,700		1,300.14		1,493.77	
6	inch meter	27,400		1,486.17		1,707.55	
8	inch meter	48,600		2,560.49		2,942.09	
10	inch meter	76,000		3,945.03		4,533.11	

<u>Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System</u> (Annual charge)			Inside Users		Outside Users*	
2	inch connection		\$116.60		\$133.95	
3	inch connection		264.95		304.40	
4	inch connection		466.25		535.70	
5	inch connection		921.95		1,059.30	
6	inch connection		1,059.55		1,217.40	
8	inch connection		1,886.00		2,167.00	
10	inch connection		2,945.40		3,384.25	

ATM Fee (per gallon) \$0.0126

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Phase V - Effective July 1, 2028

		Inside Users	Outside Users*
Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)			
First	2,000 cubic feet	\$4.58	\$5.26
Next	8,000 cubic feet	3.69	4.24
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.88	3.31

		Inside Users			Outside Users*		
GENERAL SERVICE:		Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly	Customer	Public Fire	Total Monthly
Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)		Service Charge	Protection	Service Charge	Service Charge	Protection	Service Charge
5/8	inch meter	\$12.77	\$5.60	\$18.37	\$14.67	\$6.43	\$21.10
3/4	inch meter	12.77	5.60	18.37	14.67	6.43	21.10
1	inch meter	15.90	14.39	30.29	18.27	16.53	34.80
1 1/4	inch meter	22.33	32.16	54.49	25.66	36.95	62.61
1 1/2	inch meter	22.33	32.16	54.49	25.66	36.95	62.61
2	inch meter	31.31	57.04	88.35	35.98	65.53	101.51
3	inch meter	57.11	128.44	185.55	65.62	147.58	213.20
4	inch meter	93.20	228.44	321.64	107.09	262.47	369.56
5	inch meter	171.40	444.98	616.38	196.94	511.28	708.22
6	inch meter	196.18	513.59	709.77	225.41	590.12	815.53
8	inch meter	340.51	913.38	1,253.89	391.25	1,049.47	1,440.72
10	inch meter	526.00	1,426.88	1,952.88	604.37	1,639.49	2,243.86

Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer		Allowed	Inside Users	Outside Users*
5/8	inch meter	300	\$32.11	\$36.88
3/4	inch meter	300	32.11	36.88
1	inch meter	800	66.93	76.88
1 1/4	inch meter	1,700	132.35	152.03
1 1/2	inch meter	1,700	132.35	152.03
2	inch meter	3,000	216.85	249.11
3	inch meter	6,800	454.27	521.92
4	inch meter	12,200	771.80	886.78
5	inch meter	23,700	1,397.74	1,606.09
6	inch meter	27,400	1,597.69	1,835.87
8	inch meter	48,600	2,752.37	3,162.78
10	inch meter	76,000	4,240.48	4,872.86

Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System (Annual charge)		Inside Users	Outside Users*
2	inch connection	\$125.35	\$144.00
3	inch connection	284.85	327.25
4	inch connection	501.25	575.90
5	inch connection	991.10	1,138.75
6	inch connection	1,139.05	1,308.75
8	inch connection	2,027.45	2,329.50
10	inch connection	3,166.35	3,638.10

ATM Fee (per gallon)	\$0.0129
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