

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-7

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1989-2, AS
AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 1996-4, 2000-14, 2005-10 AND 2007-10**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana, finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the Sewage Treatment Works of said Town are too low and are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate and expand its Sewage Treatment Plant and that the existing rates should be increased:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1989-2 of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF FORT BRANCH, INDIANA. FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID TOWN, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH", as amended by Ordinance Nos. 1996-4, 2000-14, 2005-10 and 2007-10, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) The sewage 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, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read monthly and the users shall be billed monthly (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of the rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

- (1) The treatment rate per 1,000 gallons of usage per month for users inside the corporate limits of the town is \$9.21.
- (2) The treatment rate per 1,000 gallons of usage per month for users outside the corporate limits of the town is \$9.86.
- (3) The base rate shall be as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	
	<u>Users Inside the Corporate limits of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana</u>	<u>Users Outside the Corporate limits of the Town of Fort Branch, Indiana</u>
5/8 – 3/4 – inch	\$19.15	\$20.63
1 – inch	\$41.50	\$45.14
1-1/4 inch	\$63.67	\$69.43
1-1/2 - inch	\$89.03	\$97.19
2 - inch	\$152.65	\$167.07
3 - inch	\$345.48	\$378.82
4 – inch	\$597.87	\$655.61
6 – inch	\$1,354.43	\$1,485.88

(B) (1) For users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined as an average of 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 the rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

Inside Town (assumes 4,515 gallons used per month)	\$60.73
Outside Town (assumes 4,515 gallons used per month)	\$65.15

(2) Unmetered non-residential single-family dwelling units shall be charged a rate to be determined by the town on an individual basis by applying the above metered rates to estimated usage and meter size.

(C) The service rendered to the town shall be subject to the same rates and charges provided in this section, or to charges and rates established in harmony therewith.

(D) In order to recover the cost of monitoring industrial wastes the town shall charge the user the actual cost of monitoring but not less than \$25 per sampling event. This charge will be reviewed on the same basis as all other rates and charges.

(E) There shall be an additional two percent (2%) increase in all rates for usage beginning December 1, 2012, on January 2013 bills, and an additional two percent (2%) increase for usage beginning each December 1 each year thereafter on each January bill each year thereafter, until December 1, 2015.
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ARTICLE II

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 1989-2, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III

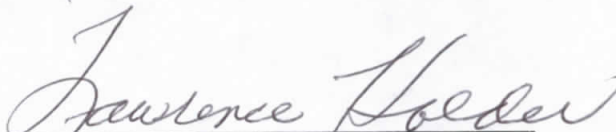
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for usage beginning December 1, 2011, on January 2012 bills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Fort Branch Indiana, this 9th day of November, 2011.

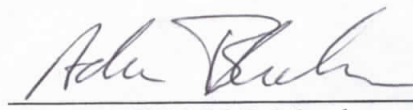
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
FORT BRANCH, INDIANA



TOM WALLACE, President



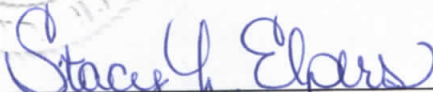
LAWRENCE HOLDER, Member



ADAM BLEDSOE, Member



ATTEST:



STACY ELPERS, Clerk-Treasurer