

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1989-2,
AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1996-4

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 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 No. 1996-4, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. For the use of and the services rendered by sewage works, rates and charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with the Town sanitary system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the Town of Fort Branch. Such rates and charges include User charges, debt service costs, excessive strength surcharges and other service charges, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable 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 said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

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1) Treatment Rate per 1,000 gallons of usage per month:
for Users Inside the Corporate limits of the Town of Fort Branch,
Indiana: **\$4.30**

2) Treatment Rate per 1,000 gallons of usage per month:
for Users Outside the Corporate limits of the Town of Fort Branch,
Indiana: **\$4.60**

plus

3) Base Rate - as follows:

	<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>
<u>Base Rate</u>		
5/8-3/4 inch water meter	\$ 8.90	\$ 9.60
1 inch water meter	19.35	21.05
1 1/4 inch water meter	29.70	32.40
1 1/2 inch water meter	41.55	45.40
2 inch water meter	71.30	78.05
3 inch water meter	161.40	176.95
4 inch water meter	279.30	306.30
6 inch water meter	632.80	694.20

(b) 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 said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

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Monthly Rate

	<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>
Residential:		
Single family residence/unit	\$ 28.35	\$ 30.40

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) For the service rendered to the Town of Fort Branch said Town shall be subject to the same rates and charges hereinabove provided, 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 in the ordinance.

ARTICLE II.

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 1989-2, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All provisions of Ordinance No. 1996-9 shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning January 1, 2001.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Fort Branch,
Indiana, this 8th day of November, 2000.

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
FORT BRANCH, INDIANA

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