

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF FORT BRANCH, INDIANA FROM THE CUSTOMERS SERVED BY THE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY OF SAID TOWN

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 Water Works of said Town are too low and are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its Water Works Plant and that the existing rates should increase:

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

Section 1: Phase 1. For the use of and service rendered by the Water Works system of the Town based on the use of water supplied by said Water Works system, effective December 1, 2008, the following rates shall apply:

<u>(a) Metered rates per month</u>	<u>Rates per 1,000 gallons</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$6.67
Next 2,000 gallons	\$5.88
Next 1,500 gallons	\$5.03
Next 3,500 gallons	\$4.43
Next 6,500 gallons	\$3.73
Next 15,000 gallons	\$3.08
Next 35,000 gallons	\$2.48
Over 66,500 gallons	\$2.10

(b) For the use of and service rendered by the Water Works system of the Town based on the use of water supplied by said Water Works system, effective December 1, 2008, the minimum charge per month shall be \$20.01.

Section 2: Phase 2. For the use of and service rendered by the Water Works system of the Town based on the use of water supplied by said Water Works system, effective January 1, 2010, the following rates shall apply:

<u>(a) Metered rates per month</u>	<u>Rates per 1,000 gallons</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$7.12
Next 2,000 gallons	\$6.30
Next 1,500 gallons	\$5.38
Next 3,500 gallons	\$4.74
Next 6,500 gallons	\$3.99
Next 15,000 gallons	\$3.30
Next 35,000 gallons	\$2.65
Over 66,500 gallons	\$2.25

(b) For the use of and service rendered by the Water Works system of the Town based on the use of water supplied by said Water Works system, effective January 1, 2010, the minimum charge per month shall be \$21.36.

Section 3: Phase 3. For the use of and service rendered by the Water Works system of the Town based on the use of water supplied by said Water Works system, effective January 1, 2011, the following rates shall apply:

(a) <u>Metered rates per month</u>	<u>Rates per 1,000 gallons</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$7.58
Next 2,000 gallons	\$6.69
Next 1,500 gallons	\$5.70
Next 3,500 gallons	\$5.02
Next 6,500 gallons	\$4.23
Next 15,000 gallons	\$3.50
Next 35,000 gallons	\$2.81
Over 66,500 gallons	\$2.39

(b) For the use of and service rendered by the Water Works system of the Town based on the use of water supplied by said Water Works system, effective January 1, 2011, the minimum charge per month shall be \$22.74.

Section 4: Late Payment Charges. All bills are due and payable by the last day of the month at the Fort Branch Town Hall to avoid disconnection of the water service. All bills from water service not paid by the 15th of the month as stated on said billing card shall be subject to a late charge of 10% of the first \$3.00 and 3% of the balance in excess of \$3.00. This penalty has been pre-calculated by the computer and is shown on the billing card.

Section 5: Hydrant Rental. Effective December 1, 2008, the hydrant rental shall be \$50.00 per annum.

Section 6: Deposit. Effective December 1, 2008, the deposit required of all new customers shall be \$150.00.

Section 7: Tap Charge. The tap-in fee for all water service customers shall be eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

Section 8: Reconnection Charge. When the service is turned off for non-payment of bill, or whenever for any reason beyond the control of the waterworks a reestablishment of service is required by any on customer, a charge of \$20.00 will be made by the waterworks to cover the cost of discontinuance and reestablishment of service. The charge, together with any arrears due to the waterworks, shall be paid by the customer before service will be re-established.

Section 9: Bad Check Charge. A charge of \$25.00 will be made to any customer who pays his bill by check which is returned to the utility because of insufficient funds.

Section 10. Inconsistent Ordinances. The provisions of all ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance be and hereby are repealed.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning December 1, 2008.

12th PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Fort Branch Indiana, this day of November, 2008.

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
FORT BRANCH, INDIANA

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