

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES**

Property owners, rate payers and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the Sewage Works of the Town of Wheatfield are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 2024-06, establishing rates and charges for services to be rendered by the Sewage Works, was introduced at a meeting of the Wheatfield Town Council held on November 21, 2024. At a meeting of the Town Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. (Wheatfield time) on December 19, 2024, in the Wheatfield Town Hall, 170 Grace Street, Wheatfield, Indiana, there will be a public hearing on the matter of the rates and charges, and consideration of adoption of said Ordinance No. 2024-06, which provides in part as follows:

Section 3. For the use of the services rendered by the 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 Wheatfield. 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 determined as follows:

- (a) Sewage rates and charges shall be determined by equivalent single family dwelling units (ESFDU) except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered for periods of service equaling a month. The schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

User Classification

	<u>Equivalent Factor</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Residential:		
Single-family residence/unit	1.00	\$69.40
Apartments, condominiums and townhouses/unit	1.00	69.40
Mobile home court/space available for rent	1.00	69.40
Duplexes/unit	1.00	69.40
Commercial:		
Barber or beauty shop:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Retail establishments:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35

Commercial: (Continued)	<u>Equivalent Factor</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Gasoline service station:		
First 3 employees	1.00	\$69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Grain Elevator:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Bowling Alley – per lane	0.40	27.76
Laundromat, washeterias/washer	0.75	52.05
Motel, rooming houses, bed and breakfast and similar establishments:		
First rental room	1.50	104.10
Each additional rental room	0.50	34.70
Professional offices:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Restaurants, drive-ins, bars and organizations with eating and/or drinking facilities:		
First 2 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Service station: convenience store/service center	3.26	226.24
Service stations/auto repair:		
Without car wash:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
With car wash:		
Per car wash bay	0.25	17.35
Shop or office in residence	1.00	69.40
Telephone company:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Veterinarian's office:		
First 2 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.33	23.11
Recreational areas:		
Campground – per campsite available	0.30	20.82
Plus: First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Institutions:		
Schools, per pupil enrolled (5 day school week)	0.10	6.94
Churches and other religious organizations without eating and/or drinking facilities:		
For each 200 members or fraction thereof	1.00	69.40
Churches and other religious organizations with eating and/or drinking facilities:		
For each member	0.10	6.94

	<u>Equivalent Factor</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Governmental:		
Community center – per seat	0.009	\$0.62
Offices:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Post Office:		
First 3 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35
Fire department without sleeping quarters:	1.00	69.40
Each truck bay	2.50	173.50
Industrial:		
Manufacturing – unmetered:		
First 2 employees	1.00	69.40
Each additional employee	0.25	17.35

- (e) In order to recover the cost of monitoring industrial wastes, the Town shall charge the user not less than \$25.00 per sampling event plus the actual cost for collecting and analyzing the sample(s) as determined by the Town or by an independent laboratory. This charge will be reviewed on the same basis as all other rates and charges in this Ordinance.

Section 4. In order that the rates and charges may be justly and equitably adjusted to the service rendered to users, the Town shall base its charges not only on the volume, but also on the strength and character of the stronger-than-normal domestic sewage and wastes which it is required to treat and dispose of. The Town shall require the user to determine the strength and content of all sewage and wastes discharged, either directly or indirectly into the sanitary sewage system, in such manner, by such method and at such times as the Town may deem practicable in light of the conditions and attending circumstances of the case, in order to determine the proposed charge. The user shall furnish a central sampling point available to the Town at all times.

- (a) Normal sewage domestic waste strength should not exceed ammonia in excess of 18 milligrams per liter of fluid, suspended solids in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid, or a biochemical oxygen demand in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid. Additional charges for treating stronger-than-normal domestic waste shall be made on the following basis:
- (1) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.24 per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid.
 - (2) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon BOD**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.24 per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid.
 - (3) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon Ammonia-Nitrogen**

There shall be an additional charge of \$1.29 per pound of ammonia-nitrogen received in excess of 18 milligrams per liter of fluid.

Section 5. The rubbish and trash pick-up fee for each residential unit and every commercial customer requiring trash collection service is \$16.13.

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance No. 2024-06 may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated this 2nd day of December 2024

/s/ Deborah Norberg
Clerk-Treasurer