TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. G-18-11

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EQUITABLE FEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY SEWER WORKS

WHEREAS, the Town of Georgetown ("Town") has established and operates a sewage works pursuant to IC 36-9-23, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Town Council ("Town Council") shall, pursuant to I.C. 36-9-23-25, establish by ordinance just and equitable fees for the services rendered related to sewer works and shall provide the dates on which such fees are due; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Georgetown is the entity responsible for fixing and approving new rates and charges, including capacity fees, for the Georgetown Wastewater Utility, under IC 36-9-23-26; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was published in the News and Tribune pursuant to IC 5-3-1; and

WHEREAS, notice of such hearing was mailed to users of sewage works located outside Georgetown's corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on the date noticed where all interested parties were provided the opportunity to speak; and

WHEREAS, all procedures for adoption of the rates and charges have been completed and all information received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the rates set forth herein have been recommended to this Town Council by the Town's long-term financial advisor Umbaugh; and

WHEREAS, the rates set forth herein are just and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the rates set forth below include a rate differential for service to customers located outside the Town which is 14.5% higher than the rates that are charged to customers located inside the Town; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration and discussion, the Georgetown Town Council has determined that the proposed sewer rates set forth below, are in the best interest of the Town of Georgetown, its current citizens and its future citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Monthly Rates and Charges</u>. The following Schedule of Fees is hereby adopted:

A. Monthly Base Charge

Meter Size:	Present Rates	Proposed Rates
5/8 - 3/4 inch	\$21.30	\$ 21.30
1 inch	50.70	50.70
1-1/2 inch	115.38	115.38
2 inch	197.70	197.70
Flow Charge per 1,000 Gallons	9.25	9.25
B. Hilltop Estates Mobile Home Park Meter Size:		
1 inch	303.85	N/A
Flow Charge per 1,000 Gallons	9.25	N/A
C. Lakeland Lagoon Association		
Meter Size: 1 inch	468.75	468.75
Flow Charge per 1,000 Gallons	8.56	8.56
D. Monthly Outside Town Surcharge		
Meter Size:		24.20
$5/8 - \frac{3}{4}$ inch	24.55	24.39
1 inch	58.83	58.05
1-1/2 inch	134.23	132.11
2 inch	230.20	226.37
Flow Charge per 1,000 Gallons	9.25	10.59

Section 2. <u>Disconnection Charge</u>. The sewage utility, under IC 36-9-23-6 may request the discontinuance of water service for the non-payment of sewage utility billings. The Town has entered a contract with the provider of water service to discontinue water service at the request of the Town for non-payment of sewage utility fees. An administrative charge for such disconnection, in the amount of \$60.00, is payable by the Town to the water service provider for each customer disconnected at the Town's request.

The Town shall notify the provider of water service of delinquent accounts where the Town is requesting shut off of water service. The notices, actions and any other procedure required for the discontinuance of water service shall be those procedures adopted by the provider of the water service for shut off of water service.

A charge of \$60.00 will be made for all services where water is disconnected and reconnected for nonpayment of sewage bills.

Section 3. <u>Equitable Rates.</u> This Council finds that the above-referenced rates and charges are just and equitable and necessary for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the sewage works.

Section 4. <u>Validity</u>. Should any portion of this ordinance be found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of this ordinance shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. <u>Effective Date.</u> This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by the Town Council.

Section 6. That any Ordinance of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana which is in conflict with this Ordinance, including Ordinance No. G-16-15, is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Any Ordinance or portion of Ordinance which is not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana this 17th day of December, 2018.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA
Voting Nay:
Everett Pullen, President
Chris Loop, Vice President
Kathy Haller, Member
Joshua Cavanaugh, Member
Gary Smith, Member