

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. G-17-04

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. G-17-02
AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF FIRE HYDRANT
RENTAL COSTS BY INDIANA AMERICAN WATER
COMPANY RATEPAYERS**

WHEREAS, The Town of Georgetown passed Ordinance No. G-17-02 on October 16, 2017 and the Town wishes to repeal said ordinance and replace it with this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, Indiana American Water Company owns or will be acquiring and operating the waterworks and fire hydrants in the Town of Georgetown which serve and protect residential, commercial, and Town owned property in the Town limits from the threat of fire; and,

WHEREAS, the rental cost of the fire hydrants in the Town limits are currently paid by the Town with revenue from Town taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, State-mandated circuit breaker limits have significantly reduced the funds available for Town services including, primarily, public safety services; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code subsection 8-1-2-103(d) provides for the payment of fire hydrant rental costs imposed by Indiana American Water Company and approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission from the ratepayers of Indiana American Water Company rather than Town taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, payment of fire hydrant rental costs from ratepayers is prudent and necessary to allow tax funds to be used for maintaining Town services, including, primarily, public safety services to the public; and,

WHEREAS, paying fire hydrant rental costs from ratepayers who directly benefit from the fire hydrants is a fair and reasonable method of paying for such costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN that:

- (1) The Ordinance No. G-17-02 is hereby repealed.
- (2) The provisions of Indiana Code subsection 8-1-2-103(d) are hereby adopted such that the charges for production, storage, transmission, sale and delivery, or furnishing of water for public fire protection purposes shall be included in the basic rates of all customers of Indiana American Water Company and its successors and assigns as regulated by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and as detailed in the attached Exhibit A which is made a part hereof.

(3) The effective date for addition of these changes in the basic rate shall be at the time the water utility is transferred to Indiana American Water Company. After said date the cost of any fire hydrant installed at the request of the Town shall be paid by or on behalf of the Town.

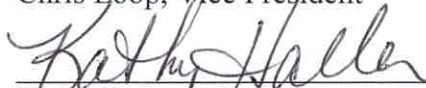
(4) This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

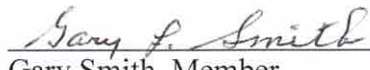
ADOPTED AND PASSED this 30th day of October, 2017.

TOWN COUNCIL GEORGETOWN, INDIANA


Everett Pullen, President


Chris Loop, Vice President


Kathy Haller, Member


Gary Smith, Member


Josh Williams, Member

Attest:


Brent Fender, Clerk-Treasurer

Exhibit A

Public Fire Service Rate Estimates

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Monthly Charge</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/8" | \$ 4.78 |
| 3/4" | 7.17 |
| 1" | 11.94 |
| 1-1/2" | 23.90 |
| 2" | 38.23 |
| 3" | 71.68 |
| 4" | 119.47 |
| 6" | 238.95 |
| 8" | 382.32 |
| 10" | 621.26 |
| 12" | 1,027.47 |