TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, IN Ordinance No. G-04-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # G-01-03, CONCERNING THE NON-RECURRING CHARGES OF SEWER CONNECTION FEES AND CREATING SEWER SERVICE CAPACITY FEES FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA'S WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Georgetown is the entity responsible for fixing and approving new rates and charges for the Georgetown Wastewater Utility; and,

WHEREAS, after due consideration and discussion, the Georgetown Town Council has determined that existing wastewater, i.e. sewer customers should not bear the burden of improvements to Georgetown's wastewater collection system necessitated by demands placed on the system by new customers; and,

WHEREAS, after due consideration and discussion, the Georgetown Town Council has determined that the present system of non-recurring charges for sewer service, including sewer connection charges, should be abolished in favor of a new system of Sewer Service Capacity Fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE **GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL** that the sewer connection charges set forth on pages 3 & 4 of Ordinance G-01-03 are hereby abolished.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a system for the collection of Sewer Service Capacity Fees is hereby established for the Town of Georgetown and the Georgetown Wastewater Utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that new customers who are citizens of the Town (i.e. living inside the Town's Corporate Limits), proposing to make a single family connection to the Town of Georgetown's wastewater/sewer collection system shall pay a Sewer Service Capacity Fee in the amount of \$2,300 for calendar year 2004, and increasing \$100 per year after 2004, as demonstrated in the chart below.

In Town Single Family Residence Fee Structure				
<u>Year</u>	Sewer Service Capacity Fee			
2004	\$2,300.00			
2005	2,400.00			
2006	2,500.00			
2007	2,600.00			
2008	2,700.00			

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that new customers who are not citizens of the Town (i.e. who live outside of the Town's limits), proposing to make a single family connection to the Town of Georgetown's wastewater/sewer collection system shall pay a Sewer Service Capacity Fee in the amount of \$4,800 for calendar year 2004, and increasing \$100 per year after 2004, as demonstrated in the chart below.

	Out of Town	Single	Family	Residence	Fee	Structure
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Year	Sewer Service Capacity Fee
2004	\$4,800.00
2005	4,900.00
2006	5,000.00
2007	5,100.00
2008	5,200.00

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that new customers who are citizens of the Town (i.e. living inside the Town's Corporate Limits), proposing to make a multi-family residence or a light commercial (store or office building) connection to the Town of Georgetown's wastewater/sewer collection system, shall pay a Sewer Service Capacity Fee in the amount of the in-Town single family residence fee plus \$500 for each additional residence, apartment and/or office within the same structure. For example: for a 4-plex apartment building connecting during 2005, the Sewer Service Capacity Fee would be \$2,400 plus \$1,500, for a total of \$3,900.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that new customers who are not citizens of the Town (i.e. who live outside of the Town's limits), proposing to make a multi-family residence or a commercial (store or office building) connection to the Town of Georgetown's wastewater/ sewer collection system, shall pay a Sewer Service Capacity Fee in the amount of the out-of-Town single family residence fee plus \$750 for each additional residence, apartment and/or office within the same structure. For example: for a 4-plex apartment building connecting during 2005, the Sewer Service Capacity Fee would be \$4,900 plus \$2,250, for a total of \$7,150.

Now, Therefore, Be it further ordained that new customers who are citizens of the Town (i.e. who live inside of the Town's limits), proposing to make a multi-user commercial, institutional, industrial or governmental connection to the Town of Georgetown's wastewater/sewer collection system, shall pay a Sewer Service Capacity Fee in the amount equal to the in-Town single-family residence fee plus an amount to be determined on a case-by-case basis, prior to connection and based upon the following factors:

- 1. Whether pre-treatment of the generated effluent is required.
- 2. Type of flow discharged by the user.
- 3. The changes, if any, to the Town's sewer collection system to accommodate this connection.
- 4. Actual or projected flow of the user.
- 5. Any and all other factors the Town Council deems relevant.

Similarly, any new customers living outside of Town proposing to make a multi-user commercial, institutional, industrial or governmental connection to the Town of Georgetown's wastewater/sewer collection system, shall pay a Sewer Service Capacity Fee in the amount equal to the out-of-Town single-family residence fee plus an amount to be determined on a case-by-case basis as cited above.

All Sewer Service Capacity Fees shall be deposited into the Wastewater Utility Improvement Fund, #630.

Confirming Definitions

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT The Town Council of Georgetown hereby reiterates the definitions of classes of wastewater subscribers as defined in Ordinance No. G-92-03, Section 1, paragraph (t).

Confirming Construction Fee Structure

Now, Therefore, Be it further ordained that the Town Council of Georgetown hereby reiterates its system that all new connections to the Wastewater Utility system must pay for the extension(s) from the existing sewer mains to the location the new customer wants to use as their sewer connection. This extension shall be performed by Town Utilities employees or Town-hired contractors, and the responsibility for routine maintenance of these extended lines is the Town's, once the extensions are in place. And, of course, all sewerage pipes/lines running from the customer's house/building to the sewer connection are the responsibility of the customer, for both installation and on-going maintenance. The **Construction Fee shall be \$200** or the actual costs incurred by the Wastewater Utility, whichever is greater. This Construction Fee shall be deposited into the Town's Wastewater Utility Operations Fund, #606.

Conflicts: Any portion(s) of previously enacted ordinances that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Severability: 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.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by the Town Council.

Adopted by the **Town Council of the Town of Georgetown**, Indiana this __/___ day of _______, 2004.

Town Council, Town of Georgetown

Gary Smith, Vice President

Jay Davis, Member

Dean Hammersmith, Member

Chris Carter, Member

ATTEST:

Douglas Cook, Clerk/Treasurer