

Town of Georgetown, IN

Ordinance # G-06-24

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER G-97-07
RELATING TO ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN SEWER
UTILITY RATES FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN'S
SEWER UTILITIES AND CREATING A STORMWATER
FUND AND ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER FEE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA THAT:**

WHEREAS, the Town Council is responsible for fixing and approving new rates and charges for the Georgetown Municipal sewer utilities pursuant to I.C. 36-9-3-25 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council has commissioned a study to be performed to review the fairness, equity and proportionality of the rates and charges for sewage usage; and,

WHEREAS, after a public hearing on 7/10/06, due consideration and discussion, a majority of the Town Council agreed that the sewer rates be amended as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that ordinance number G-97-07 is amended to provide the following rates and charges be adjusted, after a public hearing held in accordance with I.C. 36-9-3-26, as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with I.C. 36-9-3-26, after the introduction of this ordinance, but before this ordinance is finally adopted, the Town Council shall hold a public hearing on 7/10/06 at which the users of the Georgetown Municipal Sewer utilities, owners of property served or to be served by the Georgetown Municipal Sewer utilities, and other interested persons may be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges as set forth herein. Notice of the hearing has been published in accordance with I.C. 5-3-1 et seq. and mailed in accordance with I.C. 36-9-3-26. After the hearing, the Town Council shall adopt this ordinance, either as originally introduced or as modified. A copy of the schedule of rates and charges adopted herein shall be kept on file and available for public inspection at the offices of the Town Clerk-Treasurer, AKA Town Hall.

Georgetown Sewer Service Area:

	Revised Rates Option 1	Revised Rates Option 2	Current Rates
Monthly Debt Service based on Water Meter Size			
5/8" or 3/4"	32.60	27.65	32.60
1"	72.55	60.21	72.55
1-1/2"	160.30	139.46	160.30
2"	272.00	225.76	272.00
Per 1,000 glns of flow	7.35	9.32	3.45

	Revised Rates Option 1	Revised Rates Option 2	Current Rates
Hilltop Estates Mobile Home Park Debt Svc	421.25	349.64	421.25
Per 1,000 glns of flow	7.35	9.32	3.45
Lakeland Lagoon Ass'n Debt Svc	872.76	724.39	872.76
Per 1,000 glns of flow	7.35	9.32	3.54

Costs to an **average G-town resident** using 2,500 gallons of water monthly

	50.98	50.95	42.95
<i>\$ increase</i>	8.03	8.00	
<i>Percent increase</i>	15.75%	15.70%	

Costs to a G-town resident using 5,000 gallons of water monthly

	69.35	74.25	49.85
<i>\$ increase</i>	19.50	24.40	
<i>Percent increase</i>	28.12%	32.86%	

SECTION 2. In addition to these sanitary sewer fees, there is hereby created a Stormwater Utility Fund. This Fund is hereby created to enable the Town to track its expenses related to Stormwater management, as mandated by Rule 13 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MS4 of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

a. There is hereby established a Stormwater Utility Fee of \$1.00 per month for each Georgetown Utility Customer within the Town limits. Said Fee shall be added to the Town's monthly utility bill, but deposited only into the Stormwater Utility Fund and used to offset the costs associated with Stormwater Management in and for the Town of Georgetown.

SECTION 3. The rates adjusted herein shall take effect on August 21, 2006 unless delayed in accordance with I.C. 36-9-3-26. A copy of the schedule of rates and charges adopted herein shall be kept on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

SECTION 4. In accordance with I.C. 36-9-3-26.1, owners of property connected to and served by the Georgetown Municipal Sewer utilities are allowed to file a written petition objecting to the rates and charges set forth herein so long as

1. the petition contains the names and addresses of the petitioners;
2. the petitioners attended the public hearing under I.C. 36-9-3-26;
3. the written petition is filed with the Town Council within five (5) days after this ordinance is adopted pursuant to I.C. 36-9-3-26; and,
4. the written petition states specifically the ground or grounds for objection.

SECTION 5. 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 on August 21, 2006 after adoption by the Town Council.

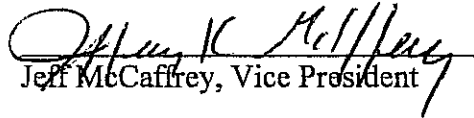
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and any Ordinance not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Introduced this 15th day of June 2006, to permit public advertisement and notice of all sanitary sewer customers.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana, this 10 day of July, 2006.




Gary Smith, President




Jeff McCaffrey, Vice President

Jay Davis, Member



Dean Hammersmith, Member



Chris Carter, Member

ATTEST:



Doug Cook, Georgetown Clerk/Treasurer