

ORDINANCE NO. 6842

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6531 OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE INDIANA, AND FIXING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT

WHEREAS, the Common Council has caused a rate study of the sewage treatment works to be completed by the firm of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana ("Rate Study"), and finds, based upon the Rate Study and with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety, that the rates and charges established pursuant to Ordinance No. 6531 are insufficient to enable the City of Connerville, Indiana ("City") to properly operate its sewage plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds and finance additions and improvements to its sewage treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds, with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety, that the rates and charges set forth herein are reasonable and just, based upon the aforementioned Rate Study and the cost of providing service to the customers of the sewage treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety has recommended that the following rates and charges be established for sewer service in said City and to customers otherwise served by the sewage treatment system, for such purposes, subject to the approval thereof by the Common Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the following water usage schedule upon which the amount of charge for sewage service charged by the City to users and owners of any lot, parcel of real estate, building

or improvement that is connected with and uses the sewage treatment works, shall be as follows, and the following rates are hereby fixed for said sewage service:

| <u>Monthly Metered Flow Rate</u> | <u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u> |                 |                  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                                  | <u>Phase I</u>                 | <u>Phase II</u> | <u>Phase III</u> |
| All users                        | \$2.60                         | \$2.65          | \$2.70           |

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u> |                 |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                   | <u>Phase I</u>                 | <u>Phase II</u> | <u>Phase III</u> |
| 5/8 – 3/4 inch    | \$29.13                        | \$29.71         | \$30.30          |
| 1 inch            | 62.53                          | 63.78           | 65.06            |
| 1 1/2 inch        | 136.16                         | 138.88          | 141.66           |
| 2 inch            | 230.18                         | 234.78          | 239.48           |
| 3 inch            | 520.43                         | 530.84          | 541.46           |
| 4 inch            | 924.60                         | 943.09          | 961.95           |
| 6 inch            | 2,061.91                       | 2,103.15        | 2,145.21         |
| 8 inch            | 3,670.52                       | 3,743.93        | 3,818.81         |

| <u>Flat Rate Charge</u>                      | <u>Per Month</u> |                 |                  |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|  | <u>Phase I</u>   | <u>Phase II</u> | <u>Phase III</u> |
| For domestic users with private water supply | \$49.08          | \$50.06         | \$51.06          |

| <u>Septic Tank Material</u>    | <u>Per Month</u> |                 |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                                | <u>Phase I</u>   | <u>Phase II</u> | <u>Phase III</u> |
| 1 to 1,000 gallons             | \$38.81          | \$39.59         | \$40.38          |
| 1,001 to 1,500 gallons         | 60.17            | 61.37           | 62.60            |
| 1,501 to 2,000 gallons         | 79.54            | 81.13           | 82.75            |
| 2,001 to 2,500 gallons         | 98.91            | 100.89          | 102.91           |
| 2,501 to 3,000 gallons         | 118.27           | 120.64          | 123.05           |
| Travel trailer – holding tanks | \$8.11           | \$8.27          | \$8.44           |

The Board of Public Works and Safety is hereby authorized to make rules pertaining to the acceptance of septic tank material by the wastewater treatment plant.

| <u>Non-Recurring Charges</u>                               | <u>Per Occurrence</u> |                 |                  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|  | <u>Phase I</u>        | <u>Phase II</u> | <u>Phase III</u> |
| Customer Deposit   | \$85.00               | \$85.00         | \$85.00          |
| Sewer Connection Charge                                    | \$1,000.00            | \$1,000.00      | \$1,000.00       |
| Inspection Fee<br>(Plus \$1.00 for each 100 feet of sewer) | \$10.00               | \$10.00         | \$10.00          |

Outside City Surcharge

10%

10%

10%

Sprinkling Credit

In order that domestic residential users of sewage services shall not be penalized for sprinkling lawns during the months of July and August, the billing for sewage services for domestic and residential users for each of said months of July and August shall be based upon the average usage for the previous months of January, February, and March. In the event the average water usage for said previous months of January, February, and March is greater than the water usage for each of said months of July and August then the billing for sewage services shall be computed on the actual water used in the months for which the sewage service bill is being rendered. Domestic and/or residential sewage services applicable to the sprinkling rate shall apply to each lot or parcel of real estate, building or improvement which is occupied and used as a residence. Said sprinkling rate shall not apply to any premises which are partially used for commercial or industrial purposes. The owner shall have the privilege of separating the water service so that the residential portion of the premises is served through a separate meter and, in such case, the water usage as registered by the water meter serving such portion of the premises used for residential purposes only shall qualify for the sprinkling rate.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 6531 and all ordinances of the City in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, the existing schedule of sewage rates and charges for sewage services shall remain in full force and effect until the new schedule of rates and charges herein contained shall be passed and approved by the Common Council. The Phase I schedule of rates and charges shall take effect for bills rendered during the January billing cycle, and will be reflected on the next bill due, commencing in 2023; the Phase II schedule of rates and charges shall take effect for bills rendered during the January billing cycle, and will be reflected on the

next bill due, commencing in 2024; and the Phase III schedule of rates and charges shall take effect for bills rendered during the January billing cycle, and will be reflected on the next bill due, commencing in 2025.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Connersville, Indiana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA

Deane Phillips  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:  
Rosemary Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Connersville, Indiana, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at 7:00 .m.

Rosemary Brown  
Clerk-Treasurer

Signed and approved by me, the Mayor of the City of Connersville, Indiana, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at 7:00 .m.

[Signature]  
Mayor