

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES
OF THE TOWN OF MORGANTOWN WATER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morgantown, Indiana owns and operates a water utility;

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Morgantown, Indiana (the "Council") is the governing board of the Town's water utility and, as such, sets just and equitable fees as required to maintain the water utility in sound physical and financial condition, as necessary to render adequate and efficient service and sufficient to:

(1) pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including:

- (A) maintenance costs;
- (B) operating charges;
- (C) upkeep;
- (D) repairs;
- (E) depreciation;
- (F) interest charges on bonds or other obligations, including leases; and
- (G) costs associated with the acquisition of utility property under IC 8-1.5-2;

(2) provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of bonds or other obligations, including leases;

(3) provide a debt service reserve for bonds or other obligations, including leases, in an amount established by the municipality, not to exceed the maximum annual debt service on the bonds or obligations or the maximum annual lease rentals;

(4) provide adequate money for working capital;

(5) provide adequate money for making extensions and replacements to the extent not provided for through depreciation. *IC 8-1.5-3-8*;

WHEREAS, the Council last set the Town's water utility's fees by adopting Town Ordinance 2024-01 on March 11, 2024;

WHEREAS, a significant water improvement project ("Project"), necessary to address the current and future needs of the water utility and its customers, has been approved by the Council:

WHEREAS, current water utility fees are insufficient to pay the costs of the Project and maintain the water utility in sound physical and financial condition, as necessary to render adequate and efficient service;

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and considered a Municipal Water Utility Rate Study, prepared by LWG CPAs & Advisors, and has determined that the rates, as proposed in that study, are necessary to pay the costs of the Project and maintain the water utility in sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service to water utility customers; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed fees was properly noticed and held on March 10, 2025;

ACCORDINGLY, be it ordained by the Town Council for the Town of Morgantown, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. The Rates and Charges shown on the Schedule attached hereto as Appendix “A” are just and equitable fees as required to pay the costs of the Project and maintain the Town’s water utility in sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service and sufficient to:

(1) pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including:

- (A) maintenance costs;
 - (B) operating charges;
 - (C) upkeep;
 - (D) repairs;
 - (E) depreciation;
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 - (G) costs associated with the acquisition of utility property under IC 8-1.5-2;
- (2) provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of bonds or other obligations, including leases;
- (3) provide a debt service reserve for bonds or other obligations, including leases, in an amount established by the municipality, not to exceed the maximum annual debt service on the bonds or obligations or the maximum annual lease rentals;
- (4) provide adequate money for working capital;
- (5) provide adequate money for making extensions and replacements to the extent not provided for through depreciation. *IC 8-1.5-3-8.*

Section 2. The Rates and Charges, as shown on Appendix “A,” attached hereto, are hereby approved and adopted. The approved Rates and Charges will be implemented in two phases, Phase 1

APPENDIX A TO ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

TOWN OF MORGANTOWN WATER UTILITY
Schedule of Water Rates and Charges

Properties located within the Morgantown corporate boundaries

Metered Rates

<u>Per 1,000 Gallons Per Month</u>	<u>Phase 1 (1)</u>	<u>Phase 2 (2)</u>
First 2,500 Gallons	\$ 17.96	\$ 21.09
Next 2,500 Gallons	6.97	8.19
Next 5,000 Gallons	5.85	6.87
Over 10,000 Gallons	3.61	4.24

Minimum Monthly Charge

<u>All Meters</u>	44.90	52.73
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Monthly Fee per Hydrant

<u>All Customers</u>	9.77	11.47
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Bulk Water Rate

<u>Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	17.94	21.06
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(1) Phase 1 is effective upon passage of Ordinance No. 2025-01

(2) Phase 2 is effective once the Town starts receiving wholesale water from Brown County Water Utility, which is expected to occur in June 2025.

Rates and charges for service to properties outside the Morgantown corporate boundaries as set forth below, are 15% higher.

Metered Rates

<u>Per 1,000 Gallons per Month</u>	<u>Phase 1 (1)</u>	<u>Phase 2 (2)</u>
First 2,500 Gallons	\$ 20.65	\$ 24.25
Next 2,500 Gallons	8.01	9.41
Next 5,000 Gallons	6.72	7.89
Over 10,000 Gallons	4.15	4.87

Minimum Monthly Charge

<u>All Meters</u>	51.63	60.63
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Monthly Fee per Hydrant

<u>All Customers</u>	11.24	13.20
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Customer Requested Service Call	15.00	15.00
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(1) Phase 1 is effective upon passage of Ordinance No. 2025-01

(2) Phase 2 is effective once the Town starts receiving wholesale water from Brown County Water Utility.


and Phase 2, as shown on Appendix A. The Phase 1 Rates and Charges shall be in effect upon passage of this Ordinance and be charged to the customers of the Town's water utility as soon as is practicable after final adoption of this Ordinance. The Phase 2 Rates and Charges shall go into effect and be billed to the customers of the Town's water utility on or about the date on which the Town begins purchasing water from the Brown County Water Utility.

Section 3. The appropriate officials and representatives of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement, bill, and collect the Rates and Charges set forth on Appendix "A."

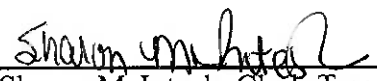
Section 4. Ordinance 2024-01, and all other prior ordinances and parts of prior ordinances, to the extent they are in conflict herewith, are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance. Ordinance 2024-01, and all other prior ordinances and parts of prior ordinances, to the extent they are not in conflict herewith, remain in full force and effect.

Introduced by the Town Council of the Town of Morgantown, on the 10th day of February, 2025.

Passed and adopted, on second and final reading, by the Town Council of the Town of Morgantown, on the 10th day of March, 2025.



Joe Blevins, President of the Town Council



Sharon McIntosh, Clerk-Treasurer