

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04-17-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL, INDIANA
AMENDING CHAPTERS 51 AND 52 OF THE TOWN OF
BRISTOL, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES AND OTHER
PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol, Indiana (the “Town”) is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana governed by its duly elected Town Council (the “Council”); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code authorizes the Town to exercise powers to regulate the furnishing of water to the public; establish, maintain, and operate waterworks; and regulate the furnishing of the service of collecting, processing, and disposing of waste substances and domestic or sanitary sewage within four (4) miles of the Town’s corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town owns and operates a municipal waterworks system for the treatment and distribution of potable water to the inhabitants of the Town of Bristol (the “Water Utility”), and a municipal sewer and treatment system for the transportation and treatment of wastewater and sewage for the Town (the “Sewer Utility”) (the Water Utility and Sewer Utility collectively the “Utilities”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has established rates and charges for the Sewer Utility and Water Utility for customers connected to the Town’s municipal water and sewage systems; and

WHEREAS, the Town, through its advisors, is undertaking to expand, enhance, and improve the extent, capacity, and quality of the Town’s Utilities through investments in facilities and infrastructure (the “Utilities Expansion Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code §§ 8-1.5-3, et seq. and 36-9-23, et seq., the Council may modify or adjust its existing schedule of fees by ordinance after providing notice and conducting a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code authorizes the Council to adopt by ordinance nondiscriminatory, reasonable, and just rates and charges for sewer and water services rendered by the Town's Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Council now determines that proper notice has been duly given as required by Indiana Code §§ 8-1.5-3-8.1 and 36-9-23-26, and that a public hearing on the proposed schedule of rates and charges has been duly held on April 17, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Bristol, Indiana, meeting in regular session, and after considering the needs of the Town’s Utilities, determines it is necessary to make changes and amend the sewer and water rates and charges in the Town of Bristol, Elkhart County, Indiana in the following manner:

Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

- Section 2. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 51.01 of the Code, entitled “Metered Water Rates and Charges,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.01 as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 3. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 51.02 of the Code, entitled “Minimum Water Charges,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.02 as set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 4. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 51.03 of the Code, entitled “Tapping Fees and Meter Deposit,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.03, entitled “Meter Deposit,” as set forth on Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein,
- Section 5. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 51.12 of the Code, entitled “Local or Lateral Water Mains or Lines,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.12 as set forth on Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 6. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 52.142 of the Code, entitled “Sewage Rates Schedule,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.142 as set forth on Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 7. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 51.13, entitled “Water System Development Charge,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.13 as set forth on Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 8. As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 52.157, entitled “Sewer System Development Charge,” is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by new Section 51.157 as set forth on Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- Section 9. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, and all Titles, Chapters and/or Sections of the Bristol Code of Ordinances that conflict with the provisions contained herein are hereby specifically repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.
- Section 10. If any portion on this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance so long as enforcement of the same can be given the same effect.

Section 11. The rates and charges herein set forth shall be in full force and effect for all billings of Water Utility and Sewer Utility services at the first full monthly billing therefor following the final passage and adoption of this Ordinance. All other provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law. All acts pursuant to the adoption of this Ordinance are hereby ratified.

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ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL, INDIANA

Jeff Beachy, President

Cathy Burke

Dean Rentfrow

Gregg Tuholski

Doug DeSmith

ATTEST:

Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

§ 51.01 METERED WATER RATES AND CHARGES.

There shall be and there are established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks systems of the town rates and charges based on the use of water supplied by the waterworks system determined by the Town Council and adopted herein by reference.

Monthly Metered Rates		Rate per 1,000 Gallons effective:			
		May 1, 2024		May 1, 2025 August 1, 2025	
		Inside Town	Outside Town ¹	Inside Town	Outside Town ¹
First	15,000 Gallons	\$9.14	\$10.42	\$10.92	\$12.45
Next	105,000 Gallons	\$8.97	\$10.23	\$10.81	\$12.32
Over	120,000 Gallons	\$6.14	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$8.27

¹ Represents a 14% increase from Inside Town rates.

EXHIBIT B

§ 51.02 MINIMUM WATER CHARGES.

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the size of meter installed for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set by the Town Council from time to time.

Minimum Water Charges					
Meter Size	Allowed Flow (in gallons)	Rate per month effective:			
		May 1, 2024		May 1, 2025 August 1, 2025	
		Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹
5/8-inch	2,000	\$18.28	\$20.84	\$21.84	\$24.90
1 inch	3,483	\$31.83	\$36.29	\$38.03	\$43.36
1 1/4-inch	5,300	\$48.44	\$55.23	\$57.88	\$65.99
1 1/2-inch	7,295	\$66.68	\$76.01	\$79.66	\$90.82
2-inch	13,025	\$119.05	\$135.72	\$142.23	\$162.16
3-inch	31,983	\$289.44	\$330.04	\$347.39	\$395.98
4-inch	62,240	\$560.84	\$639.57	\$674.46	\$768.75
6-inch	173,780	\$1,409.16	\$1,606.91	\$1,688.76	\$1,925.11

¹ Represents a 14% increase from Inside Town rates.

EXHIBIT C

§ 51.03 ~~TAPPING FEES AND~~ METER DEPOSIT.

~~(A) A tap charge shall be collected from each customer prior to connection to the water system. The charge shall cover the cost of tapping the main, furnishing and laying service pipe, corporation and stop cocks, service and meter box and installing the meter.~~

~~(B) (1) The charge for a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter tap shall be \$400.~~

~~(2) The charge for a one-inch and a larger size meter tap shall be the actual construction cost (labor, equipment and material) but in no event less than \$400.~~

~~(C) Separate from and in addition to the tapping charges described in this section, subparagraphs (A) and (B), there~~ **There** shall be a requirement that each water utility customer shall pay a \$100 meter deposit at the time water service is turned on. The meter deposit charge shall be due from and charged to the party who shall be responsible for payment of the water bill. In the event water service is disconnected for non-payment of a water bill, but thereafter subsequently reconnected for the same customer, said reconnection shall not occur until an additional meter deposit is paid and any meter deposit previously paid by said customer shall be immediately applied to any water bill, shut-off, or turn-on charge due and owing from said customer, with the balance thereof and a full accounting being sent to the last known address of said customer. Meter deposits previously paid in the amount of \$40 rather than the \$100 provided herein are specifically “grandfathered” at said \$40 amount and no additional deposit shall be required from said customers at this time.

~~(D)~~**(B)** All future meter deposits, however, whether water service is requested by existing customers or new customers, shall be at the amount of \$100. Meter deposit charges are separate charges from turn-on and shut-off charges.

EXHIBIT D

§ 51.12 LOCAL OR LATERAL WATER MAINS OR LINES.

A subdivider, developer or other owner or user shall be required to pay for extensions of local and lateral water mains or lines and the local and lateral water mains or lines shall be constructed to the specifications of the town on the streets, rights-of-way or other easements as may be available, and the subdivider, developer or other owner or user shall dedicate the extended local and lateral water mains or lines and appurtenances hereto to the town. **Users located on the north side of Vistula Street between Division Street and Mottville Road shall be required to pay for extensions of lateral water mains from the northside of street curb to the building.**

EXHIBIT E

§ 52.142 SEWAGE RATES SCHEDULE.

For sewage customers who are metered customers of the municipal water system and industrial customers with private supply of water, the charge for sewage service shall be based upon the quantity of water used and returned to the sewage plant for treatment as determined by the Town Council.

Base Monthly Charges (includes 2,000 gallons of usage)						
Meter Size	Rate per month effective:					
	May 1, 2024		May 1, 2025-August 1, 2025		May 1, 2026	
	Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹
5/8 – 3/4-inch	\$22.80	\$25.99	\$26.80	\$30.55	\$28.80	\$32.83
1 inch	\$57.05	\$65.04	\$67.05	\$76.44	\$72.05	\$82.14
1 1/4-inch	\$91.33	\$104.12	\$107.24	\$122.25	\$115.20	\$131.33
1 1/2-inch	\$132.28	\$150.80	\$155.49	\$177.26	\$167.10	\$190.49
2-inch	\$228.00	\$259.92	\$268.00	\$305.52	\$288.00	\$328.32
3-inch	\$524.00	\$597.82	\$616.00	\$702.70	\$662.40	\$755.14
4-inch	\$912.00	\$1,039.68	\$1,072.00	\$1,222.08	\$1,152.00	\$1,313.28
6-inch	\$2,074.46	\$2,364.88	\$2,438.69	\$2,780.11	\$2,260.80	\$2,987.71

Monthly Metered Flow Rates						
Flow Rate	Rate per 1,000 gallons effective:					
	May 1, 2024		May 1, 2025-August 1, 2025		May 1, 2026	
	Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹
All Gallons	\$15.46	\$17.62	\$19.49	\$22.22	\$21.50	\$24.51

Minimum Monthly Rates for Unmetered Users						
Class of User (Assuming 4,100 gallons per month)	Rate per month effective:					
	May 1, 2024		May 1, 2025 August 1, 2025		May 1, 2026	
	Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹	Inside Town	Outside Town¹
Single family residence/unit	\$86.18	\$98.25	\$106.70	\$121.64	\$116.96	\$133.33

¹Represents a 14% increase from Inside Town rates.

EXHIBIT F

§ 51.13 WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE.

(A) There shall be established a System Development Charge (“Water SDC”) for ~~all~~ permanent **potable water** connections to the Bristol Municipal Water Utility service, which shall be determined by the Town. **Connections to the Bristol Municipal Water Utility solely for fire suppression are exempt from the Water SDC.**

(B) Until otherwise modified, the Water SDC as determined by the diameter of the ~~meter service line~~ for the user is as follows:

Water System Development Charge per new connection effective May 1, 2024	
Meter Size	Water System Development Charge
5/8-inch	\$810.00
3/4-inch	\$1,215.00 \$810.00
1 inch	\$2,025.00 \$810.00
1 1/2-inch	\$4,050.00
2-inch	\$6,480.00
3-inch	\$12,150.00
4-inch	\$20,250.00
6-inch	\$40,500.00
8-inch	\$64,800.00
10-inch	\$93,150.00
12-inch	\$174,150.00

EXHIBIT G

§ 52.157 SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE.

(A) There shall be established a System Development Charge (“Sewage SDC”) for ~~all~~ permanent connections to the Bristol Municipal Sewage Works, which shall be determined by the Town.

(B) Until otherwise modified, the Sewage SDC as determined by the diameter of the service line for the user is as follows:

Sewer System Development Charge per new connection effective May 1, 2024	
Meter Size	Sewage System Development Charge
5/8-inch	\$2,140.00
3/4-inch	\$2,996.00 \$2,140.00
1 inch	\$5,350.00 \$2,140.00
1 1/2-inch	\$12,198.00
2-inch	\$21,400.00
3-inch	\$49,220.00
4-inch	\$85,600.00
6-inch	\$194,740.00
8-inch	\$346,680.00
10-inch	\$541,420.00
12-inch	\$780,244.00