

## ORDINANCE 2025-008

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE 2016-017, 2014-010, 2008-010, and 2022-004 BEING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF CULVER

**WHEREAS**, the Culver Town Council, finds that existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks of said town are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its waterworks plant, to provide funds for depreciation, to provide funds necessary for plant replacements, improvements, extensions and betterments, as set forth under I.C. 8-1.5-3-8, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased on an “across-the-board” basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CULVER INDIANA**, as follows that:

Section 1: There shall be and there hereby are established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the Town of Culver, the following rates and charges to be established and effective with the January 2026 bill, due February 15, 2026, based on the use of water supplied by said waterworks system:

#### Metered Rates

<u>Consumption Per Month</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 2,000 Gallons	\$15.39
Next 4,000 Gallons	\$13.19
Next 27,000 Gallons	\$11.01
Next 67,000 Gallons	\$8.79
Next 100,000 Gallons	\$6.53
Over 200,000 Gallons	\$4.38

#### Minimum Charges

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size of meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate</u>
5/8 – 3/4 inch meter	2,000 gallons	\$30.78
1 inch meter	3,843 gallons	\$55.09
1-1/2 inch meter	6,719 gallons	\$91.46
2 inch meter	11,635 gallons	\$145.57
3 inch meter	19,969 gallons	\$237.31
4 inch meter	31,694 gallons	\$366.37



Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, circuses, etc. shall be charged based on the meter-gallon rates hereinbefore set forth as estimated and established by the waterworks superintendent. An application for the purchase of bulk water is available at Town Hall and must be completed prior to purchase.

New Meter Charge (Sprinkler Meters)

Residents requesting a separate sprinkler meter at the same address as an existing water meter will be charged for the purchase of the sprinkler meter according to rates established in Appendix A. The resident is required to contract the installation of the new meter with a private contractor.

Water Meter Damage

Property owners are responsible for the cost of a meter replacement when it ceases to work due to freezing. Property owners are additionally responsible for the cost of the radio read replacement if it is discarded or physically damaged.

Collection and Deferred Payment Charge

All bills for water service not paid within fifteen (15) days from the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to a collection or deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess over \$3.00.

Billing

The Town shall bill the customer monthly in accordance with the rates and charges herein set forth.

Non-Recurring Charges

The Town shall charge customers for non-recurring charges as follows:

<u>Deposit:</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Residential	\$100
Non-Residential	\$150.00
Reconnection charge	\$50.00

Returned Payments / Dishonored Check / ACH Transactions

Dishonored Payment Defined. If a payment by check, electronic funds transfer (ACH), draft, or similar instrument is returned, refused, or dishonored by a financial institution for any reason (including insufficient funds, closed account, stop-payment, etc.), the payment shall not be considered as payment toward the utility bill.

Fee Assessment. The utility shall assess the customer:

- (1) A flat service fee of \$10 (to be set by ordinance or fee schedule), plus all bank, processor, or other financial institution fees incurred by the municipality as a result of the dishonored or returned payment;

(2) Any other legal penalties or late payment charges as provided by other applicable ordinances or state statutes.

Billing. The returned payment fee and associated bank/financial institution charges shall be added to the customer's utility account and appear as a separate line item on the subsequent bill.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

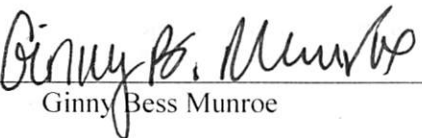
Executed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF CULVER, INDIANA

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ATTESTED BY:

  
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## APPENDIX A

### 5/8 – 3/4 NEW METER CHARGE

The charge for a new 5/8 – 3/4 meter as described in this ordinance under “New Meter Charge” shall be \$225 per meter, based off of current costs for the required materials at the time of adoption. This fee shall be subject to periodic review based on the cost of materials.

### CHARGES FOR LARGER METERS

New meter charges for meters larger than 5/8 – 3/4 will be calculated at the time of request and shall be for the actual cost of materials as determined by the Town Utility Superintendent.