ORDINANCE 2021-002

An Ordinance Revising Storm Water Utility Rates and User Fees to be Collected by the Town of Culver as Originally Set out in Local Ordinance 2009-008

WHEREAS, the Town of Culver, Indiana has heretofore constructed and has in operation a storm water collection system for the purpose of collecting and managing storm water runoff; and

WHEREAS the Town Council finds that the current storm water user fee should be increased to pay for the costs of maintaining and improving the existing storm water infrastructure, pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-9-23, which storm water user fee should be charged, collected, and administered by the town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Culver, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. The Culver Town Council conducted a storm water rate study with the assistance of a municipal utility rate consultant and determined that the ongoing maintenance and improvement costs necessary for upkeep of the town's storm water system will require an increase in storm water fees.

The results of the rate study suggest a phased in rate increase from \$2.00 per residential unit to \$3.50 per unit, from \$4.00 to \$6.95 for non-residential and commercial units, and from \$8.00 to \$13.90 for condos, hotels, motels, and condotels. The Town Council has determined that the rates should be implemented over three phases, with Phase 1 becoming effective with the first billing cycle after July 1, 2021, Phase 2 becoming effective with the first billing cycle after January 1, 2022, and Phase 3 becoming effective with the first billing cycle after January 1, 2023.

Section 2. For residential real estate, the monthly storm water utility fee shall be a flat residential customer charge of \$2.50 per residential unit in Phase 1, \$3.00 in Phase 2, and \$3.50 in Phase 3.

Section 3. For non-residential/commercial real estate, the monthly storm water utility fee shall be a flat non-residential/commercial customer charge of \$5.00 in Phase 1, \$6.00 in Phase 2, and \$6.95 in Phase 3.

Section 4. For condos, hotels, motels and condotels, the monthly storm water utility fee shall be a flat customer charge of \$10.00 in Phase 1, \$12.00 in Phase 2, and \$13.90 in Phase 3.

Section 5. Exemptions from the storm water fee shall be any government entity including public schools and any federal, state, and local government real estate.

Section 6. All other requirements and specifications from the establishment of the storm water utility and fee structure in ordinance 2009-008 shall remain unchanged.

<u>Section 7.</u> The new rate structure by Phase is listed below for clarification.

Phase 1 Rates (Effective July 1, 2021)

Residential

\$2.50

Non-residential/commercial

\$5.00

Condos, hotels, motels, and condotels

\$10.00

Phase 2 Rates (Effective January 1, 2022)

Residential

\$3.00

Non-residential/commercial

\$6.00

Condos, hotels, motels, and condotels

\$12.00

Phase 3 Rates (Effective January 1, 2023)

Residential

\$3.50

Non-residential/commercial

\$6.95

Condos, hotels, motels, and condotels

\$13.90

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Culver, Indiana, on the 23rd day of

CULVER TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF CULVER, INDIANA

ATTEST: