

TOWN OF MONTEZUMA, INDIANA

AMENDING THE LAWN METER ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Montezuma amends the Lawn Meter Ordinance and assign said ordinance to a new chapter in the Montezuma Municipal Code (MMC)

WHEREAS, the Town of Montezuma's ("Town") sanitary sewer charges are based, in part, on customer's monthly water consumption;

WHEREAS, during the spring and summer months basing the sewer rates upon water consumption can penalize customers for their outdoor domestic water use that is not discharged into the Town's sewer system;

WHEREAS, in order to not penalize customers for outdoor domestic consumption of water, the Town desires to establish a Lawn Meter Ordinance to allow the Town's customers to receive a deduction on their sewer bills for their outdoor domestic water consumption during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, and October customers to purchase a special water meter to measure water used for watering plants, washing cars, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MONTEZUMA TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

MMC 5.6.5.1 PURCHASING LAWN METERS

Sec. 1: Any customer of the Town's water and sewer service desiring to receive a deduction on their monthly sewer bill for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September or October [spring/summer months] must purchase a lawn meter from the Town and properly install said meter to their outside spigot. Lawn meters shall be purchased from the Town for \$50.00. The Town may increase this price as the Town's costs for the meters increases.

MMC 5.6.5.2 REPORTING PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES FOR REPORTING WATER CONSUMPTION

Sec. 2 : On or before the 24th of each spring/summer month, except for October, any customer with a lawn meter purchased from the Town and properly installed must report the recorded amount of the water consumed by the lawn meter to the Town's Utility Office. **If a customer does not report the amount of water consumed by the 24th of any spring/summer month then they will not receive a deduction on that month's sewer bill.**

- a. Customers must report their outdoor domestic water consumption by filling out and submitting a Lawn Meter Report Form which can be obtained at the Town's Utility Office.
- b. October Reporting: on or before October 24th customers must bring their lawn meter to the Town's Utility Office to properly report their October water consumption. **If a**

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customer does not bring in their Lawn Meter on or before October 24th they will not receive a deduction on their November sewer bill.

MMC 5.6.5.3 DEDUCTIONS FOR IMPROPERLY REPORTED SPRING/SUMMER MONTHS

Sec 3: Customers may report a previously unreported spring/summer month's usage. In this case, the customer will only be eligible for partial credit on the improperly reported spring/summer month and thus, the deduction will be 50% of the deduction if otherwise reported properly. For example, if a customer improperly reports 4,000 gallons of water to the Town's Utility Office for a spring/summer month, the customer will only receive credit for 2,000 gallons of said water.

Passed and adopted on initial reading on the 24th day of September 2020.



Town Council President

Town Council Member

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Attest:



Town Clerk-Treasurer

Passed by all members but signed by Council President only due to COVID 19 precautions