

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE WATER WORKS OF SAID TOWN AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport, Indiana (“Town”) has heretofore constructed and has in operation its municipal water works for the collection, treatment, and distribution of water under the provisions of the Indiana Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town previously adopted Ordinance No. 2019-5, Ordinance No. 2020-7, and Ordinance No. 2022- 12 (collectively, “Rate Ordinance”) establishing the water rates and charges for the use and service rendered by the water works of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused a rate study to be completed by Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) representative, Mike Novac, in connection with the proposed Water Tower improvement plan and future additions and improvements to its water works system; and

WHEREAS, based upon such rate study, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges established by the Rate Ordinance are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its water works plan, service its bonds and finance additions and improvements to its water works system and should be increased as indicated herein in four (4) phases: Phase 1 (Effective January 01, 2026), Phase 2 (Effective January 01, 2027), Phase 3 (Effective January 01, 2028), and Phase 4 (Effective January 01, 2029);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, INDIANA:

Section 1 Phase 1 (Effective, January 01, 2026)

a) Consumption Per Month

First 2,500 gallons	\$15.63
Next 2,500 gallons	\$14.50
Next 5,000 gallons	\$12.25
Over 10,000 gallons	\$8.95

b) Minimum Charges per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum monthly 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>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	2,500	\$39.07
1 inch	5,230	\$156.25
1 1/4 inch	12,200	\$234.49
1 1/2 inch	20,945	\$312.76
2 inch	38,445	\$391.02
3 inch	64,695	\$625.85
4 inch	82,195	\$782.38
6 inch	169,685	\$1,565.03

Unmetered Users
\$65.11

c) Public Fire Protection
Hydrant Rental, \$0.00 ea.

Section 2 Phase II (Effective, January 01, 2027)

a) Consumption Per Month

First 2,500 gallons	\$15.94
Next 2,500 gallons	\$14.79
Next 5,000 gallons	\$12.50
Over 10,000 gallons	\$9.13

b) Minimum Charges per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum monthly 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>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	2,500	\$39.85
1 inch	5,230	\$159.38
1 1/4 inch	12,200	\$239.15
1 1/2 inch	20,945	\$319.02
2 inch	38,445	\$398.84
3 inch	64,695	\$638.37
4 inch	82,195	\$798.03
6 inch	169,685	\$1,596.33

Unmetered Users
\$66.41

c) Public Fire Protection
Hydrant Rental, \$0.00 ea.

Section 3 Phase II (Effective, January 1, 2028)

a) Consumption Per Month

First 2,500 gallons	\$16.26
Next 2,500 gallons	\$15.09
Next 5,000 gallons	\$12.75
Over 10,000 gallons	\$9.31

b) Minimum Charges per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum monthly charge in accordance with the applicable meter size 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>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	2,500	\$40.65
1 inch	5,230	\$162.57
1 1/4 inch	12,200	\$243.93
1 1/2 inch	20,945	\$325.40
2 inch	38,445	\$406.82
3 inch	64,695	\$651.14
4 inch	82,195	\$813.99
6 inch	169,685	\$1,628.26

Unmetered Users

\$67.74

c) Public Fire Protection

Hydrant Rental, \$0.00 ea.

Section 4 Phase II (Effective, January 1, 2029)

a) Consumption Per Month

First 2,500 gallons	\$16.59
Next 2,500 gallons	\$15.39
Next 5,000 gallons	\$13.01
Over 10,000 gallons	\$9.50

b) Minimum Charges per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum monthly charge in accordance with the applicable meter size 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>Gallons Allowed</u>	<u>Charge Per Month</u>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	2,500	\$41.46
1 inch	5,230	\$165.82
1 1/4 inch	12,200	\$248.81

1 1/2 inch	20,945	\$331.91
2 inch	38,445	\$414.96
3 inch	64,695	\$664.16
4 inch	82,195	\$830.27
6 inch	169,685	\$1,660.83

Unmetered Users

\$69.09

Section 5 Other Information

a) Tap-On Fees

Each user, in advance of the time they are connected with the waterworks system, shall pay a charge to cover the costs of tapping the main, laying service pipe, corporation and stopcocks (stop tap), service and meter box, and installing a meter.

The charge for a tap shall cover the cost of labor, equipment, materials, and boring, and will not be less than \$1,600.00.

b) Service Charge: \$20.00 (for additional meter reads and turn-ons/offers)

c) Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users such as contractors, etc., shall be charged based on the metered gallon rates herein before set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

d) Turn on Fee

After any water service is discontinued to any property serviced by the water utility, for any reason other than disconnection for non-payment, whether at the request of the consumer or utility, there shall be imposed a fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00 Ordinance 2017-6) for turning on the water service. A fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00 Ordinance 2017-6) shall be charged for turning on the water service after normal working hours or on weekends (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

Any water service turned on after disconnection due to non-payment will be imposed a fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00 Ordinance 2022-12) for turning on the water service. A fee of Ninety Dollars (\$90.00 Ordinance 2022-12) shall be charged for turning on the water service after normal working hours or on weekends (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

e) Collection and Deferred Payment Charges

All bills for water services not paid within twenty (20) days from the due date thereof, as stated on such bills, shall be subject to the collection of a deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess of \$3.00.

f) Bad Check Charge

A fee of \$27.50 shall be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds.

j) Customer Deposits

A deposit of \$100.00 is required for water service for renters and all homeowners. The deposit shall be either refunded or applied to outstanding bills for all renters or homeowners upon termination of water service.

Section 6 Adoption of Rates

The rates herein established shall become effective beginning on January 01, 2026.

ADOPTED AND PASSED, by the Council of the Town of Westport, IN, this 8th day of December 2025.

Ayes

Nays

Bryan Gatewood

Allen D. Black

Russell Vilsa

[Signature]

Dolores Honeycutt

Presented to me by the Town Council of Westport, Indiana on this 8th day of December 2025.

[Signature]

Gloria Alumbaugh
Clerk-Treasurer

