Passed 7-2 (AR, PC)

ORDINANCE 00-34

TO AMEND TITLE 10
OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WASTEWATER"
(Rate Adjustment)

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana (the "City") has heretofore constructed and has in operation a wastewater collection system and treatment plants for the purpose of collecting and treating sewage wastewater and conveying the same away from the premises where produced; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Service Board has recommended, after due consideration, including a public meeting on August 28, 2000, that adjustments to rates and charges of the wastewater utility should be approved by the Common Council in respect to the existing wastewater;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 10.08.040 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled "Rates - Metered water users," shall be amended to read as follows:

10.08.040 Rates - Metered water users. General service rates shall be applicable to all metered water users except those with other than average strengths of BOD and suspended solids. The general service rates shall be determined as follows:

	Portion of Rate Applicable to: Operations, Maintenance, & Replacement Expenses	Capital Related Costs	Total
Monthly service charge (per meter)	2.65	0.98	3.63
User Charge			
Charge per 1,000 gallons per month for all billable usage:			
Residential [(a)]	2.58	0.96	3.54
Commercial	2.58	0.96	3.54
Indiana University	2.58	0.96	3.54
Industrial [(b)]	2.58	0.96	3.54

(a) Residential summer rates for billings issued during the months of June, July, August, and September shall be based upon the average metered water consumption for billings issued during the months of April and May or actual usage, whichever is less. In order to more accurately reflect the actual wastewater usage of these customers, the Utilities Services Board may, by the adoption of a resolution, change the months used to set the summer rates and the length of time the summer rates are in effect. All other users shall be charged on the basis of one hundred percent of metered water consumption subject to user proof of lower wastewater use.

(b) Industrial user rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used as well as any special service rates that may apply.

SECTION 2 Section 10.08.070, entitled "Rates--Nonmetered users," shall be amended to read as follows:

10.08.070 Rates--Nonmetered users. The minimum rate or charge for any service where the user is not a metered water user shall be three hundred fifty-three dollars per year, payable monthly, with two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty-nine cents attributable to operation, maintenance, and replacement costs, and ninety-five dollars and thirty-one cents attributable to capital related costs. At the request of the utility or user, a meter which measures either the water use of the customer or the discharge into the sanitary sewer system shall be installed at the user's expense. Where a meter has been installed or the customer's water use records are available at no charge from the water supplier, the charge for service shall be computed on the basis of water usage plus monthly service charge, just as it is with a metered user, subject to the annual minimum charge.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b) of Section 10.08.110, entitled "Special service rates," shall be amended to read as follows:

(b) Special Rates. Special service rates shall be determined as follows:

	Portion of Rate Applicable to: Operations, Maintenance, & Replacement Expenses	Capital Related Costs	Total
Monthly service charge (per meter)	2.65	0.98	3.63
Special laboratory analysis monthly charge			
Strength of BOD and SS sampling charge			79.12
Grease and oil sampling charge			74.18
Metal sampling charge (per metal per test)			16.49
User Charge			
Charge per 1,000 gallons per month for all billable usage:			
Non-excessive strength rate	2.58	0.96	3.54
Extra Strength Charge			
Charge per pound per month for all strength in excess of 300 ppm:			
BOD	0.132	0.040	0.172
Suspended Solids	0.100	0.040	0.140

SECTION 4. Subsection (b) of Section 10.08.120, entitled "Waste haulers--Charges," shall be amended to read as follows:

10.08.120 Waste haulers--Charges.

(b) The following types of waste may be accepted for treatment by the city utilities:

(1) Domestic Septage. Domestic septage refers to the waste contained in, or removed from, septic tanks or holding tanks which serve residential homes or other sources which generate only food-based waste. Each truckload delivered will be assumed to be a full load unless proven otherwise by the hauler.

(2) Grease Waste. Grease waste is the waste contained in, or removed from, grease traps or other similar devices which have been installed for the purpose of retaining the portion of the waste stream which floats on water. For the purpose of this document, grease waste refers to greases of plant or animal origin. Petroleum based oils and greases are specifically prohibited from being discharged into the wastewater system. Analysis of the grease wastes may be required

before acceptance for treatment and disposal. The charge will be based on the calculated volume of the pit or trap. There will be no additional charge for the water used to wash the grease from the pit.

(3) Wastewater Treatment Plant Waste. Wastewater treatment plant waste includes the excess solids generated at municipal or semi-public wastewater treatment plants and/or the collection systems associated with those treatment plants. The waste may be in the form of sludge, mixed liquor, lagoon dredgings, or waste from lift stations, and must be compatible with the treatment system's processes and capacities. Wastes which jeopardize compliance with the Part 503 rules concerning land application of sludge are prohibited. The board shall establish parameters for the testing of these wastes. The waste hauler will be responsible for the cost of any testing required. Trucks delivering these wastes will be assumed to be full.

(4) Commercial/Industrial Waste. Commercial/ industrial waste includes wastes generated by industrial or commercial operations, or an operation which combines domestic waste with waste generated from industrial operations. This waste may be the product of some one-time operation, or may be accumulated in some form of holding tank, such as a septic tank. The wastes may be delivered to the system facilities only after the written request for such disposal has been approved by the director, or his designee, on a case-by-case basis. The board shall establish parameters for the testing of these wastes. The waste hauler will be responsible for the cost of any testing required. Trucks delivering these wastes will be assumed to be full.

(5) Out-of-County Waste. For each of the above listed categories of waste, there shall be a surcharge of fifty percent added to the respective fees for any waste which originates at any source outside the boundaries of Monroe County.

(6) The charge for the each delivery of the types of waste described above shall be:

	Portion of Rate Applicable to: Operations, Maintenance, & Replacement Expenses	Capital Related Costs	Total
Domestic Septage – first 500 gallons	7.52	2.78	10.30
each additional 100 gallons	0.43	0.16	0.59
Grease Waste – first 500 gallons	21.48	7.95	29.43
each additional 100 gallons	0.43	1.59	5.89
Wastewater Treatment Plant Waste			
first 500 gallons	16.12	5.96	22.08
each additional 100 gallons	3.23	1.19	4.42
Commercial/Industrial Waste			
first 500 gallons	16.12	5.96	22.08
each additional 100 gallons	3.23	1.19	4.42

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other parts of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid part, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 13th day of September, 2000.

TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 15th day of September, 2000.

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 15th day of September, 2000.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

Synopsis

This ordinance amends the rates and charges included in Title 10 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled "Wastewater", to reflect inflation and increased costs of supplying wastewater collection and treatment services to customers of the wastewater utility, and for financing required capital improvements to the system.

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