Passed: 8-1 (Rod Young)

ORDINANCE 97-01

To Amend Chapter 10.08 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Wastewater Rates and Charges"

WHEREAS, the Utilities Services Board held a public hearing on November 25, 1996 regarding an adjustment in wastewater rates and charges, and on December 9, 1996 approved the following adjustments in rates and other amendments to Chapter 10.08 of the Bloomington Municipal Code;

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

SECTION I. 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)	2.83	0.00	2.83
User Charge			
Charge per 1,000 gallons per month for all billable usage:			
Residential [a]	2.10	0.66	2.76
Commercial	2.10	0.66	2.76
Indiana University	2.10	0.66	2.76
Industrial [b]	2.10	0.66	2.76

(a) Residential summer rates for the months of June, July, August, and September shall be based upon the average of April and May or actual usage, whichever is less. 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 II. Subsection (b) of Section 10.08.110, entitled "Special service rates," shall be amended to read as follows:

10.08.110, Subsection (b) Special Rates. Special service rates shall be applicable to all industrial users who generate wastewater which contains any nonconventional pollutants or strengths of BOD or SS that exceed the system average strengths of 300 ppm BOD or 300 ppm SS as determined by special laboratory analysis by the utility's laboratory. Other special service rates shall be charged on a case-by-case basis for toxic pollutant discharges, with the charges being based on the difficulty of treating the toxic pollutant as well as sampling, testing, and disposal charges. Strength charges are to be computed on actual measured strengths and volumes. 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)	2.83	0.00	2.83
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	2.10	0.66	2.76
Extra Strength Charge			
Charge per pound per month for all strength in excess of 300 ppm:			
BOD			0.134
Suspended Solids			0.109
Town of Ellettsville - User Charge			
Charge per 1,000 gallons per month for all billable usage:			1.18

SECTION III. Section 10.08.120, entitled "Septic haulers - charges," shall be amended to read as follows:

10.08.120 Waste haulers -- Charges. (a) Waste shall only be accepted for treatment by the utility if the treatment processes and final effluent are not adversely affected. All haulers shall provide the utility with the names and addresses of the users whose waste is brought for treatment. The director shall designate the site where the waste will be accepted.

(b) The following types of waste may be accepted for treatment by the City of Bloomington 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. The charge for each delivery to the wastewater treatment system shall be $8.75 for the first 500 gallons, plus $0.50 for each additional 100 gallons. 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 for each delivery to the wastewater treatment system shall be $25.00 for any amount up to 500 gallons, plus $5.00 for each additional 100 gallons. 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 charge is $18.75 for the first 500 gallons or less, plus $3.75 for each additional increment of 100 gallons, plus 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 charge is $18.75 for each increment of 500 gallons or less, plus $3.75 for each additional increment of 100 gallons, plus 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 (50%) added to the respective fees for any waste which originates at any source outside the boundaries of Monroe County.

(c) The fees for the treatment and disposal of domestic septage shall be charged to the waste hauler who transports the waste to the treatment facility for disposal. Any licensed waste hauler may purchase tickets which authorize that hauler to dispose of one load of domestic septage.

Generators of non-domestic waste must request authorization to dispose of wastes in the utility treatment works. The application will be reviewed by staff and, if approved, the tickets for disposal of the waste may be purchased by the waste generator. Generators may purchase tickets in the manner outlined above. The generator must provide the appropriate ticket(s) to the waste hauler and the hauler must present the ticket(s) to the staff at the treatment facility as evidence that the disposal of the waste has been authorized.

Additional procedures that further promote an orderly system for the delivery, tracking and payment of these wastes may be adopted by the board.

SECTION IV. Section 10.08.140, entitled "Connection Fees," shall be amended to read as follows:

10.08.140 Connection Fee. The following fees will be charged for each new connection to the wastewater system.

Water Meter Size inches	Connection Fee $
1 or less	500
1-1/2	1,000
2 and larger	1,600

SECTION V. Section 10.08.150, entitled "Laboratory Charges" shall be added to read as follows:

10.08.150 Laboratory Charges. The following charges shall apply for laboratory tests performed on samples delivered to the wastewater laboratory.

Alkalinity	$9.00	Total Solids	$12.00
Ammonia	$13.00	Volitile Solids	$12.00
BOD	$16.00	Total Coliform	$10.00
Chlorine	$8.00	Fecal Coliform	$10.00

COD	$19.00	E. Coli	$10.00
Cyanide	$21.00	H. Plate Count	$10.00
Floride	$11.00	Cadmium	$12.00
Hardness	$9.00	Chromium	$12.00
Nitrates	$16.00	Copper	$12.00
Oil & Grease	$37.50	Iron	$12.00
pH	$3.00	Lead	$15.00
Phosphates	$17.00	Manganese	$12.00
Sulfates	$16.00	Nickel	$12.00
Suspended Solids	$9.00	Silver	$15.00
Dissolved Solids	$9.00	Zinc	$12.00

SECTION VI. The rates and charges established in Sections I, II, III, IV, and V shall be in effect beginning February 1, 1997, and shall continue in force until amended by ordinance.

Section VII. 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 VIII. 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, upon this 22 day of January, 1997.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 22nd day of January, 1997.

Anthony Pizzo
ANTHONY PIZZO, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 23rd day of January, 1997.

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 23 day of January, 1997.

J. Fernandez
JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

Synopsis

The Utility Service Board is requesting an increase in the Wastewater Utility's rates and charges for services. This increase is needed to cover the costs for operating and maintaining the facilities, financing capital construction and acquisitions, and making required debt service payments of the Wastewater Utility. The board is also requesting that the code be amended to reflect on-going procedures regarding waste haulers.

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