

ORDINANCE NO. 24, 1953

An Ordinance establishing rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Bloomington, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

WHEREAS, the waterworks system of the City of Bloomington has as its source of supply a water reservoir, the construction of which was initiated on October 15, 1951, and completed on May 1, 1953, which said reservoir impounds five billion two hundred million gallons of water at maximum level and supplements the original reservoir also in use which was constructed in 1926, and enlarged in 1941, impounding seven hundred sixty-eight million gallons of water; and

WHEREAS, the City's filtration plant was constructed in 1926 when the population of the City was less than eighteen thousand persons; and

WHEREAS, the present population of the City of Bloomington exceeds twenty-eight thousand one hundred sixty persons, and the water utility now serves the suburban area surrounding the City, and supplies water to individuals, schools, business firms and industries, both within and outside the corporate limits of the City, and serves an estimated thirty-five thousand persons; and

WHEREAS, the principal consumer of water from the City's waterworks system is Indiana University, which anticipates an increase in its student population to seventeen thousand persons on the Bloomington campus of the University by 1970, based upon forecasts obtained by the University and furnished to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's filtration plant constructed twenty-seven years ago has a capacity of three million gallons of water daily, and on one day in the year 1952 was required to treat four million nine hundred seventy-four thousand gallons of water; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Health has recommended and advised that the City increase the capacity of the existing filtration plant in order to supply present and future demands of domestic, commercial and industrial users with a safe and adequate supply of water; and

WHEREAS, the City's consulting engineers have recommended, after study, that the capacity of the filtration plant be increased by six million gallons daily; that additional low head pumps be installed in the Bean Blossom pumping station and an auxiliary supply main be constructed from said pumping station to the filtration plant; that a two million gallon steel storage reservoir be constructed at the southeast corner of the intersection of 14th and Monroe Streets; and that certain reinforcing mains within the City be built in order to provide adequate pressure and supply to certain areas of the City not now adequately served; and

WHEREAS, the City is obligated to repay an advancement made for the construction of a water main by the Radio Corporation of America, with the approval of the Public Service Commission of Indiana, in the amount of Sixty-six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-four Dollars and Forty-seven Cents (\$66,464.47); and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of these improvements, including the repayment of the above loan, will be One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), to be financed by the issuance of bonds payable as to both principal and interest, solely out of revenues to be derived from the City's waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now finds that the existing rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks of said City are too low and are insufficient to enable

the City to operate its waterworks plant properly, provide for depreciation, and finance said extensions and additions; that the proposed extensions and additions will improve the service rendered by said waterworks system and make the same of greater value to the City and its inhabitants, and that the existing rates and charges should be increased; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

Section 1. That the following rates shall be and are hereby established for charges made to the consumers who shall purchase water from the City of Bloomington, Indiana:

Consumption Rates per 1,000 gallons per month

Within City Limits

First	5,000	gallons	@	\$.75
Next	5,000	gallons	@	.55
Next	10,000	gallons	@	.45
Next	30,000	gallons	@	.37
Next	50,000	gallons	@	.30
Next	100,000	gallons	@	.25
Next	150,000	gallons	@	.16
Next	250,000	gallons	@	.15
All over	600,000	gallons	@	.14

Outside City Limits

First	3,000	gallons	@	\$1.15
Next	7,000	gallons	@	1.00
Next	90,000	gallons	@	.75
Next	100,000	gallons	@	.35
All over	200,000	gallons	@	.25

Schedule of Minimum Monthly Charges

<u>Size of Meter</u>		<u>Within City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
1/2"	Meter	\$ 2.25	\$ 3.45
5/8"	Meter	2.25	3.45
3/4"	Meter	3.00	4.50
1"	Meter	4.25	5.35
1-1/4"	Meter	6.00	9.00
1-1/2"	Meter	7.50	11.25
2"	Meter	10.50	15.75
3"	Meter	20.00	30.00
4"	Meter	30.00	45.00
6"	Meter	55.00	82.50
8"	Meter	65.00	97.50
10"	Meter	80.00	120.00
12"	Meter	90.00	135.00

In no event shall the monthly minimum charge for metered or unmetered service be less than \$2.25 for consumers within the city limits, and \$3.45 for consumers outside the city limits.

The annual charge for each sprinkler system shall be \$24.00, payable annually.

The amount to be paid by the City of Bloomington for fire hydrant rental shall be \$48.00 per hydrant per year, payable semi-annually.

Except as herein otherwise provided, all bills shall be due and payable monthly and bills unpaid more than ten (10) days following the date of billing shall include a collection charge of ten per cent (10%) on the first \$3.00 of unpaid billing, and three per cent (3%) on the balance of unpaid billing in excess of \$3.00.

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An additional service charge of \$1.00 shall be collected for turning on any water service that has been shut off on account of non-payment of water bills or violation of service rules.

No change shall be made in the present method of billing customers of the City's waterworks system except as herein otherwise specifically provided.

Sec. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that the existing schedule of water rates and charges shall remain in full force and effect until the schedule of rates and charges fixed by this ordinance shall be approved by the Indiana Public Service Commission, and until such time as the order of said Commission approving said new rates and charges shall direct.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage; provided, however, that the schedule of rates and charges herein set out shall not become effective unless approved by the Indiana Public Service Commission, or until such time as said Commission shall direct.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, on the 27th day of October, 1953.

S/Emmett Kelly
Presiding Officer

Attest:

S/Esther F. Leavitt
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, on the 27th day of October, 1953, at the hour of 9:15 o'clock P.M.:

S/Esther F. Leavitt
Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me on the 27th day of October, 1953, at the hour of 9:15 o'clock P.M.

S/Emmett Kelly
Mayor