

ORDINANCE 31-2025

AN ORDINANCE
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE
TO REFLECT CHANGES IN WATER RATES AND SEWER RATES,
SERVICES, USER FEES AND COSTS
CONCURRENT WITH THE MODIFICATION OF SAME
BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Columbus is the legislative body of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of legislative decisions is made binding and enforceable by way of the enactment of an Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council, has on this date enacted an Ordinance entitled, "*An Ordinance Establishing Water Rates AND Sewer Rates and Charges for the the City of Columbus Utilities Water System and Waster Water System and repealing all prior ordinance in conflict herewith*" ; and

WHEREAS, The various ordinances of the City of Columbus are codified and placed in the Columbus Indiana Municipal Code that is maintained by the Clerk of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, changes to the Municipal Code are necessary based upon the changes to the Water Rate and Service fees; and

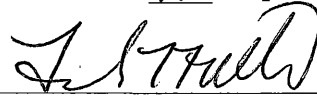
WHEREAS, the Common Council has been presented the proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code and the Utility Service Board has recommended said changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA:

1. The Municipal Code of the City of Columbus needs to be changed to reflect changes to Water and Sewer rates and service fees charged to user of the Columbus City Utility.

2. The Municipal Code of the City of Columbus should be amended to reflect the change set forth in the attached **EXHIBIT A** consisting of three (3) pages specifically sections 13.12.010 Rates and Charges in the Municipal Code.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Columbus,
Indiana with 8 Yea Votes and 0 Nay Votes on 21st day of October 2025.




Frank Miller, Presiding Officer
of the Common Council of the City of
Columbus

ATTACH:



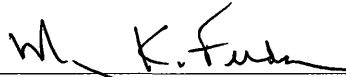
LuAnn Welmer
Clerk of the City
Of Columbus, Indiana

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Indiana, in
the City of Columbus, Indiana on this 22nd day of October, 2025 at 10:00
o'clock a.m.



LuAnn Welmer,
Clerk of the City of Columbus

The foregoing, within and attached Ordinance 31 -2025, pass by the
Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana on the 21st day of October,
2025 is approved by me on this 22nd day of October 2025 at .m.



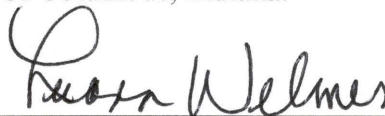
Mary Ferdon, Mayor
City of Columbus, Indiana.

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing within and attached Ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, at a meeting thereof held on the 21st day of October 2025, by the following vote:

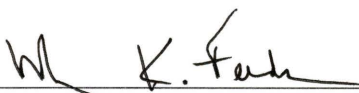
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Chris Bartels (District 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaine Hilber (District 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jerone Wood (District 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frank Miller (District 4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Anderson (District 5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Foyst (District 6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josh Burnett (Councilor at Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Dell (Councilor at Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grace Kestler (Councilor at Large)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The foregoing within and attached Ordinance passed by the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, on the 21st day of October 2025, is presented by me this 22nd day of October 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M, to the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Indiana.



Luann Welmer
Clerk of the Common Council

The foregoing within and attached Ordinance passed by the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Indiana, on the 21st day of October 2025, is approved by me this 22 day of October 2025, at 12 o'clock P.M.



Mary K. Ferdon, Mayor

Exhibit A

AMENDMENTS TO THE COLUMBUS, INDIANA MUNICIPAL CODE

Rates and charges.

Water used Per Month	Effective	Effective	Effective
	11/1/2025	11/1/2027	11/1/2029
First 15,000 Gallons	\$ 3.61		
Next 285,000 Gallons	\$ 3.15		
Over 300,000 Gallons	\$ 2.22		

Monthly Charge per Bill	Effective	Effective	Effective
	Nov 1, 2025	Nov 1, 2027	Nov 1, 2029
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Meter Charge (per month)	Effective	Effective	Effective
	11/1/2025	11/2027	11/2029
5/8 - 3/4 inch meter	\$ 4.19		
1 inch meter	\$ 8.71		
1 1/2 inch meter	\$ 16.24		
2 inch meter	\$ 25.29		
3 inch meter	\$ 46.41		
4 inch meter	\$ 76.59		
6 inch meter	\$152.00		
8 inch meter	\$242.50		
10 inch meter	\$348.09		
12 inch meter	\$649.76		

Yearly	Effective	Effective	Effective
	11/1/2025	11/1/2027	11/1/2029
Private Hydrant	\$ 198.74		

D. Each customer shall pay for the Fire Protection Charges rendered by the Water works. During each monthly billing period, each customer shall pay, in addition to the regular monthly billing period, the Fire Protection Charges rendered by Water Works, which are set forth below:

Fire Protection Charges (per month)

		Effective	Effective	Effective
		11/1/2025	11/1/2027	11/1/2029
5/8 - 3/4	inch meter	\$ 3.01		
1	inch meter	\$ 7.52		
1 1/2	inch meter	\$ 15.04		
2	inch meter	\$ 24.05		
3	inch meter	\$ 45.10		
4	inch meter	\$ 75.16		
6	inch meter	\$ 150.33		

Exhibit A

8	inch meter	\$ 240.53
10	inch meter	\$ 345.75
12	inch meter	\$ 646.40

E. Southwestern Bartholomew

Wholesale Rate per 1,000 gallons

Phase I (11/1/2025)	Phase II (11/1/2027)	Phase III (11/1/2029)
\$2.26		

Eastern Bartholomew Water Corp Contract Rater per 1,000 gallons

Phase I (11/1/2025)	Phase II (11/1/2027)	Phase III (11/1/2029)
\$2.67		

Bulk Water Purchases (per 200 Gallons) 0.50.

Sprinkler Connections (per anum)	Phase I 11/1/2025	Phase II 11/1/2027	Phase III 11/1/2029
2 Inch connection	\$11.05		
3 Inch Connection	\$32.10		
4 Inch Connection	\$68.41		
6 Inch Connection	\$198.74		
8 Inch Connection	\$423.52		
10 Inch Connection	\$761.63		
12 Inch Connection	\$1,230.23		

H. Temporary Users. Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, shall be charged on the basis of the above gallonage rates as estimated by the water works superintendent.

I. The following nonrecurring rates, charges and fees for water and sewer services shall be effective upon adoption by the common council of the city of Columbus.

1. Returned check fee \$40.00
 Whether check is dishonored for
 non-sufficient funds (NSF), stop
 payment or closed account

2. Water turn ON or OFF \$50.00

Exhibit A

Non-payment of account

3. Water turn ON or OFF \$50.00
For winter disconnect
4. Customer Requested
Water turn ON or OFF \$50.00
For repair
5. After hours service call \$85.00
(non emergency)

J. The municipal water utility shall require from all applicants for residential water service a cash deposit of not less than thirty dollars and from all applicants for other than residential service a cash deposit in such amount as shall equal sixty days revenue, as estimated by the municipal water utility, but not less than thirty dollars as a guarantee against the nonpayment of bills for service; except, that if applicant is the legal title owner of real property whose credit is approved by the municipal water utility, the municipal water utility may waive such cash deposits. Such cash deposit minus any unpaid amounts for service rendered the customer shall be returned to the depositor upon the final billing. All cash deposits shall be refunded to the depositor after three years from date of deposit; provided, that satisfactory credit shall have been established by the depositor, in the opinion of the municipal water utility.

K. Tap charges (existing water pit)

1. 5/8/inch and 3/4 inch \$500.

L. Tap charges (new water pit)

1. 5/8 inch and 3/4 inch \$1,865
2. 1 inch or larger - shall be determined by estimating actual installation/construction cost of the required facilities (as estimated by the Utility) but in no event less than \$1,865.00.

M. Temporary Fire Hydrant Meter Rental - \$1,800.00.

N. Collection or Deferred Payment Charges

All bills for water services not paid by the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to a collection or deferred payment charge of 10% on the first \$3.00 and 3% on the excess over \$3.00.

Exhibit A

System Development Charges

For all new or expanding customers of the water utilities operation a charge for all residential customers shall be \$990.00 for 5/8 – 3/4 inch connection per residential customer.

For all other meters, the charges shall be:

Meter Size	System Development Charge
1 inch	\$2,475.00
1 ½ inch	\$4,950.00
2 inch	\$7,920.00
3 inch	\$15,840.00
4 inch	\$24,750.00
6 inch	\$49,500.00
8 inch	\$79,200.00
10 inch	\$207,900.00
12 inch	\$262,350.00