ORDINANCE NO. 2021 (1519)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BLUFFTON, INDIANA TO THE WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Bluffton, Indiana ("City") has previously established its sewage rates and charges pursuant to the Bluffton City Code ("Code"), for the use of and services rendered by the sewage works system of the City; and

WHEREAS, the current sewage rates and charges are listed in Exhibit B (inside the City sewage rates) and Exhibit C (outside the City sewage rates); and

WHEREAS, in connection with a proposed Sanitary Sewerage Treatment Master Agreement ("Agreement") between the City and Wells County Regional Sewer District ("District"), the City will receive and treat sanitary sewage from the Initial Service Area (as defined in the Agreement) of the District; and

WHEREAS, the City will charge the District for the treatment of the sanitary sewage from the Initial Service Area and the amounts set forth in the Agreement shall be enacted as rates and charges of the City's sewage works and become a part of the Code; and

WHEREAS, City has caused a financial study ("Rate Study') of the rates and charges to be charged to the District to be made by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, based upon such Rate Study, the Common Council of the City finds that the sewage works rates and charges attached hereto as Exhibit A should be adopted and confirmed in this ordinance, after a public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUFFTON, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The rates and charges established herein all as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The publication of the notice of public hearing on rates and charges in the *News Banner* and the mailing of such notice are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and execution by the Mayor.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, this 21st day of July, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES 5, to-wit:	NAYS ___, to-wit:	ABSENT ___, to-wit:

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUFFTON

Mayor John S. Whicker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Tamara D. Runyon
Tamara D. Runyon, IAMC, MMC, CPFA
City Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, at 7:25 o'clock p.m. this 21st day of July, 2020.

Tamara D Runyon
Tamara D. Runyon, IAMC, MMC, CPFA
City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this 21st day of July, 2020.

John S Whicker
Mayor John S. Whicker

EXHIBIT A

Rates and Charges for Wells County Regional Sewer District

WCRSD Service Charge (per month)	$200.00
WCRSD Treatment Rate (per CCF)	$2.63*

* Equal to $3.52 per 1,000 gallons

EXHIBIT 'B'

Chapter 13.12

13.12.100 Sewage Rates – Inside City Users

For the use of and the service rendered by said sewage works, sewer charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is or could be connected to the City's sewerage systems or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sewage system of the City, which sewer charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

Consumption per month	Monthly Sewer Charge per 100 cubic feet
First 300 cubic feet	$5.26
Over 300 cubic feet	4.84

The minimum monthly charge for any metered user shall be:

Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
$15.78

The minimum monthly charge for any residential user who is not a metered water customer shall be:

Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
$40.32

The minimum monthly sewer charge for any commercial or industrial user who is not a water customer shall be one of the following:

Estimated Cubic Feet per Month	Monthly Sewer Charges
910	$45.30
955	47.48
1084	53.73
1472	72.50
1602	78.80
1740	85.48
1860	91.28
2295	112.34
3600	175.50
7336	356.32
8257	400.90
24429	1,183.62

EXHIBIT 'C'

13.12.105 Sewage Rates and Fees for Customers Outside the City

For the use of and the service rendered by said Sewage Works, sewer charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building located outside the City that is or could be connected to the sewer system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water of other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sewer system, which sewer charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

Consumption per month	Monthly Sewer Charge per 100 cubic feet
First 300 cubic feet	$6.89
Over 300 cubic feet	6.47

The minimum monthly charge for any metered user shall be:

Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
$20.67

The minimum monthly charge for any residential user who is not a metered water customer shall be:

Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
$63.24

The minimum monthly sewer charge for any commercial or industrial user who is not a water customer shall be one of the following:

Estimated Cubic Feet per Month	Monthly Sewer Charges
910	$45.30
955	47.48
1084	53.73
1472	72.50
1602	78.80
1740	85.48
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