ORDINANCE 1554

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1423, THE RATES
FOR SEWAGE SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMERS OF
BLUFFTON UTILITIES SEWAGE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Common Council ("Council") of the City of Bluffton ("City") has authority under the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly to make all necessary regulations for the preservation of the rights, property, health, safety and welfare of its citizens and the Council finds that the interests of the citizens of the City would be best served by amending the rules and rates for the service of sewage removal and treatment to the customers of the Bluffton Utilities Sewage Department; and

WHEREAS, the City bills users outside the City a different rate than those inside the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate changes will result in a differential between Outside City rates and Inside City rates of approximately 14.9%; and

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

Section 1: Title 13, Chapter 12, Section 100 of the Code of Ordinances of Bluffton, Indiana as it has heretofore read is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety and shall henceforth read as set forth in "**Exhibit A**" attached hereto and be enforced as an ordinance of the City of Bluffton, Indiana.

Section 2: Title 13, Chapter 12, Section 105 of the Code of Ordinances of Bluffton, Indiana as it has heretofore read is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety and shall henceforth read as set forth in "**Exhibit B**" attached hereto and be enforced as an ordinance of the City of Bluffton, Indiana.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, 1st day of March, 2021, by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Roger Thornton	✓			
Rick Elwell	✓			
Josh Hunt	✓			
Scott Mentzer	✓			
Janella Stronczek	✓			

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 6:25 o'clock p.m. this 1st day of March, 2022.

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

Approved by me this 1st day of March, 2022.

Mayor John S. Whicker

EXHIBIT 'A'

Chapter 13.12

13.12.100 Sewage Rates – Inside City Users

For the use of and the service rendered by the City's 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:

Metered Water Consumption per month	Monthly Sewer Charge per 100 cubic feet
First 300 cubic feet	$7.18
Over 300 cubic feet	6.61

The minimum monthly charge for any metered water customer user shall be:

	Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
N/A	$21.54

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

	Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
N/A	$55.04

The minimum monthly sewer charge for any commercial or industrial user who is not a customer of the City's water utility shall be determined in accordance with the following:

Estimated Cubic Feet per Month	Monthly Sewer Charges
910	$61.86
955	64.84
1,084	73.36
1,472	99.01
1,602	107.60
1,740	116.72
1,860	124.66
2,295	153.41
3,600	239.67
7,336	486.62
8,257	547.50
24,429	1,616.47

EXHIBIT 'B'

13.12.105 Sewage Rates and Fees for Customers Outside the City*

For the use of and the service rendered by the 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 determined as follows:

Metered Water Consumption per month	Monthly Sewer Charge per 100 cubic feet
First 300 cubic feet	$8.25
Over 300 cubic feet	7.59

The minimum monthly charge for any metered water customer shall be:

	Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
N/A	$24.75

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

	Monthly Minimum Allowed Sewer Charges
N/A	$63.24

The minimum monthly sewer charge for any commercial or industrial user who is not a customer of the City's water utility shall be determined in accordance with the following:

Estimated Cubic Feet per Month	Monthly Sewer Charges
910	$71.05
955	74.46
1,084	84.26
1,472	113.70
1,602	123.57
1,740	134.05
1,860	143.15
2,295	176.17
3,600	275.22
7,336	558.78
8,257	628.69
24,429	1,856.14

*(Outside corporate city boundaries rates and charges are approximately 14.9% higher than the rates and charges for customers inside corporate city boundaries.)