

ORDINANCE NO. 2008- 26

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES
FOR THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, INDIANA, MUNICIPAL UTILITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield, Indiana, has caused a study to be made of its rates and charges by the Controller of the utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield, Indiana, as operator of the municipal wastewater utility is required pursuant to Indiana Code 36 to establish rates, which generate sufficient income for the full proper and prudent operation, management and maintenance of said utility, as well as the provision of wastewater utility service to its customers; and

WHEREAS, said requirements include the generation of cash operating expenses, payment of debt service, debt service reserves, the provision of working capital, compensation for depreciation, sufficient funds for extensions and replacements; and

WHEREAS, said utility is allowed, pursuant to statute, to also achieve a return on its planned investment and may make payments to local government in lieu of taxes, commonly referred to as PILOT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenfield, Indiana, has now determined that the rates and charges for the use and services rendered by the Greenfield Municipal Wastewater Utility are insufficient to meet all the revenue requirements set forth above due in part to the effects of inflation, increased distribution costs, increased operating costs, including but not limited to fuel costs; and

WHEREAS, the Greenfield Municipal Wastewater Utility is the owner and operator of a state of the art wastewater treatment facility with an award winning staff, as recognized by the Indiana Water Environmental Association; however, said utility needs to continue to invest capital in projects that will further reduce infiltration and inflow from ground water and rain events to avoid overflows and to efficiently use the treatment plant's rated capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, believes that while revenues for said utility need to be increased, the most prudent way to increase revenues to the required level would be through a gradual three tier process, rather than increasing said rates substantially at one time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, that:

SECTION I

Section 51.22(A) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (A) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. Water meters will be read once each month, and sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined shall be as follows:

- (1) Flow Rate.

Rate per 1,000 Gallons of metered usage:

	<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
All Usage for all User Classes	\$2.18	\$2.36	\$2.48

(2) Base rate, all user classes as follows:

<u>Water Meter Size (inches):</u>	<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
5/8 - 3/4	\$11.48	\$12.40	\$13.02
1	\$25.98	\$28.06	\$29.47
1 1/4	\$40.43	\$43.67	\$45.85
1 1/2	\$57.74	\$62.35	\$65.47
2	\$98.22	\$106.08	\$111.39
3	\$223.50	\$241.38	\$253.44
4	\$387.24	\$418.22	\$439.13
6	\$878.64	\$948.93	\$996.38

SECTION II

Section 51.41(A) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, is hereby amended by increasing the "Availability Costs", which shall be from time to time updated and fixed by the City to be established to be in the amount of \$1,700.00 per acre commencing October 1, 2008, increasing to \$1,800.00 per acre commencing July 1, 2009 and thereafter until further amended commencing January 1, 2010 in the amount of \$1,900.00 per acre of ground to be served by the interceptor or trunk sewer system developed by the City.

SECTION III

Section 51.44(A) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (A) Where an individual connection is sought for developed areas already being served by an interceptor or trunk sewer and local sewers, a connection charge shall be paid to the City, which shall be based upon the size of the water meter. The connection charges shall be as follows:

<u>Water Meter Size (inches):</u>	<u>10-01-2008</u>	<u>07-01-2009</u>	<u>01-01-2010</u>
5/8 - 3/4	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00
1	\$2,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$3,000.00
1 1/4	\$4,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,800.00
1 1/2	\$5,800.00	\$6,380.00	\$6,960.00
2	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
3	\$23,000.00	\$25,300.00	\$30,000.00
4	\$40,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$48,000.00

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for any charges billed on or after October 1, 2008, approval by the Mayor, and publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION VII


Introduced and filed on the 27 day of August, 2008. A motion to consider on first reading on the day of introduction was offered and sustained by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8. On the 24 day of September, 2008, a motion to approve the above on second reading was offered and

sustained by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8.
Upon a motion to approve the above on third reading was offered and sustained by a vote
of 5 in favor and 1 opposed pursuant to I.C. 36-5-2-9.8.

Duly ordained and passed this 24th day of September, 2008 by the
Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of
5 in favor and 1 opposed.


COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, INDIANA

Voting Affirmative:

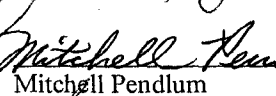


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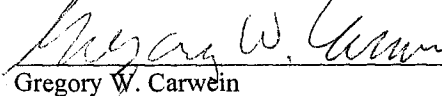
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Voting Opposed:

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ATTEST:




Larry Breese, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor this 24 day of September, 2008.



Larry J. Breese, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this 24 day of September, 2008.



Brad DeReamer, Mayor
City of Greenfield, Indiana