

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATES AND CHARGES  
BY THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA**

Property owners, ratepayers, and other interested parties served or to be served by the waterworks of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana (“City”), are hereby notified that the Common Council of the City (the “Council”) on April 8, 2024 introduced proposed Ordinance No. 8, 2024 (“Ordinance”), which amends the City’s rates and charges for water service. The Council will hold a public hearing at the Council meeting on April 22, 2024, at City Hall – Council Chambers, 166 West Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383, in order to receive public input on the Ordinance and may consider adoption thereof at such time. The public hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. local time. For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact Valparaiso City Services at 219-462-6174 or [cityservices@valpo.us](mailto:cityservices@valpo.us).

The schedule of the amended rates and charges, which are more fully set forth in the Ordinance, is as follows:

**Phase I – Effective upon adoption**

		<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
<b><u>Metered Rates and Charges – General Service</u></b> (rate per 100 cubic feet)			
First	2,000 cubic feet	\$3.42	\$3.93
Next	8,000 cubic feet	2.76	3.17
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.16	2.48

**General Service:**

**Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)**

	<u>Inside Users</u>			<u>Outside Users*</u>		
	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>
5/8 inch meter	\$9.56	\$4.20	\$13.76	\$10.98	\$4.82	\$15.80
3/4 inch meter	9.56	4.20	13.76	10.98	4.82	15.80
1 inch meter	11.91	10.77	22.68	13.68	12.38	26.06
1 ¼ inch meter	16.72	24.08	40.80	19.21	27.67	46.88
1 ½ inch meter	16.72	24.08	40.80	19.21	27.67	46.88
2 inch meter	23.45	42.72	66.17	26.94	49.09	76.03
3 inch meter	42.76	96.18	138.94	49.13	110.51	159.64
4 inch meter	69.79	171.06	240.85	80.19	196.55	276.74
5 inch meter	128.34	333.21	461.55	147.46	382.86	530.32
6 inch meter	146.90	384.58	531.48	168.79	441.88	610.67
8 inch meter	254.97	683.94	938.91	292.96	785.85	1,078.81
10 inch meter	393.86	1,068.46	1,462.32	452.55	1,227.66	1,680.21

**Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer**

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
5/8 inch meter	300	\$24.02	\$27.59
3/4 inch meter	300	24.02	27.59
1 inch meter	800	50.04	57.50
1 ¼ inch meter	1,700	98.94	113.69
1 ½ inch meter	1,700	98.94	113.69
2 inch meter	3,000	162.17	186.33
3 inch meter	6,800	339.82	390.40
4 inch meter	12,200	577.57	663.50
5 inch meter	23,700	1,046.67	1,202.28
6 inch meter	27,400	1,196.52	1,374.39
8 inch meter	48,600	2,061.87	2,368.29
10 inch meter	76,000	3,177.12	3,649.21

**Private Fire Protection Charge – Automatic Sprinkler System** (Annual Charge)

	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
2 inch connection	\$ 93.80	\$ 107.75
3 inch connection	213.25	245.00
4 inch connection	375.25	431.15
5 inch connection	742.05	852.60
6 inch connection	852.80	979.85
8 inch connection	1,518.10	1,744.25
10 inch connection	2,370.85	2,724.10

**ATM Fee (per gallon)** \$0.0117

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**Phase II – Effective January 1, 2025**

	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
<b><u>Metered Rates and Charges – General Service</u></b> (rate per 100 cubic feet)		
First	2,000 cubic feet	\$3.68 \$4.23
Next	8,000 cubic feet	2.97 3.41
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.32 2.66

**General Service:**

**Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)**

	<u>Inside Users</u>			<u>Outside Users*</u>		
	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>
5/8 inch meter	\$10.28	\$4.51	\$14.79	\$11.81	\$5.18	\$16.99
3/4 inch meter	10.28	4.51	14.79	11.81	5.18	16.99
1 inch meter	12.80	11.58	24.38	14.71	13.30	28.01
1 ¼ inch meter	17.97	25.89	43.86	20.65	29.75	50.40
1 ½ inch meter	17.97	25.89	43.86	20.65	29.75	50.40
2 inch meter	25.21	45.92	71.13	28.97	52.76	81.73
3 inch meter	45.97	103.39	149.36	52.82	118.79	171.61
4 inch meter	75.02	183.89	258.91	86.20	211.29	297.49
5 inch meter	137.97	358.20	496.17	158.53	411.57	570.10
6 inch meter	157.92	413.42	571.34	181.45	475.02	656.47
8 inch meter	274.09	735.24	1,009.33	314.93	844.79	1,159.72
10 inch meter	423.40	1,148.59	1,571.99	486.49	1,319.73	1,806.22

**Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer**

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
5/8 inch meter	300	\$25.83	\$29.68
3/4 inch meter	300	25.83	29.68
1 inch meter	800	53.82	61.85
1 ¼ inch meter	1,700	106.42	122.31
1 ½ inch meter	1,700	106.42	122.31
2 inch meter	3,000	174.43	200.43
3 inch meter	6,800	365.52	419.89
4 inch meter	12,200	621.15	713.41
5 inch meter	23,700	1,125.21	1,291.92
6 inch meter	27,400	1,286.22	1,476.71
8 inch meter	48,600	2,216.05	2,543.88
10 inch meter	76,000	3,414.39	3,919.22

**Private Fire Protection Charge – Automatic Sprinkler System** (Annual Charge)

	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
2 inch connection	\$ 100.85	\$ 115.85
3 inch connection	229.25	263.40
4 inch connection	403.40	463.50
5 inch connection	797.75	916.60

6 inch connection	916.80	1,053.40
8 inch connection	1,632.00	1,875.15
10 inch connection	2,548.70	2,928.45

**ATM Fee (per gallon)** \$0.0119

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**Phase III – Effective January 1, 2026**

		<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
<b><u>Metered Rates and Charges – General Service</u></b> (rate per 100 cubic feet)			
First	2,000 cubic feet	\$3.96	\$4.55
Next	8,000 cubic feet	3.19	3.66
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.49	2.86

**General Service:**

**Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)**

	<u>Inside Users</u>			<u>Outside Users*</u>		
	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>
5/8 inch meter	\$11.05	\$4.85	\$15.90	\$12.70	\$5.57	\$18.27
3/4 inch meter	11.05	4.85	15.90	12.70	5.57	18.27
1 inch meter	13.76	12.45	26.21	15.81	14.31	30.12
1 ¼ inch meter	19.32	27.83	47.15	22.20	31.98	54.18
1 ½ inch meter	19.32	27.83	47.15	22.20	31.98	54.18
2 inch meter	27.10	49.36	76.46	31.14	56.71	87.85
3 inch meter	49.42	111.14	160.56	56.78	127.70	184.48
4 inch meter	80.65	197.68	278.33	92.67	227.13	319.80
5 inch meter	148.32	385.06	533.38	170.42	442.43	612.85
6 inch meter	169.76	444.43	614.19	195.05	510.65	705.70
8 inch meter	294.65	790.38	1,085.03	338.55	908.15	1,246.70
10 inch meter	455.16	1,234.73	1,689.89	522.98	1,418.70	1,941.68

**Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer**

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
5/8 inch meter	300	\$27.78	\$31.92
3/4 inch meter	300	27.78	31.92
1 inch meter	800	57.89	66.52
1 ¼ inch meter	1,700	114.47	131.53
1 ½ inch meter	1,700	114.47	131.53
2 inch meter	3,000	187.56	215.45
3 inch meter	6,800	392.88	451.16
4 inch meter	12,200	667.51	766.52
5 inch meter	23,700	1,208.91	1,388.47
6 inch meter	27,400	1,381.85	1,587.14
8 inch meter	48,600	2,380.57	2,734.46
10 inch meter	76,000	3,667.69	4,213.08

**Private Fire Protection Charge – Automatic Sprinkler System** (Annual Charge)

	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
2 inch connection	\$ 108.45	\$ 124.60
3 inch connection	246.45	283.15
4 inch connection	433.70	498.30
5 inch connection	857.60	985.35
6 inch connection	985.60	1,132.45
8 inch connection	1,754.40	2,015.80
10 inch connection	2,739.90	3,148.10

**ATM Fee (per gallon)** \$0.0122

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**Phase IV – Effective January 1, 2027**

Inside Users

Outside Users\*

**Metered Rates and Charges – General Service** (rate per 100 cubic feet)

First	2,000 cubic feet	\$4.26	\$4.89
Next	8,000 cubic feet	3.43	3.94
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.68	3.08

**General Service:**

**Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)**

Inside Users

Outside Users\*

	Customer Service Charge	Public Fire Protection	Total Monthly Service Charge	Customer Service Charge	Public Fire Protection	Total Monthly Service Charge
5/8 inch meter	\$11.88	\$5.21	\$17.09	\$13.65	\$5.99	\$19.64
3/4 inch meter	11.88	5.21	17.09	13.65	5.99	19.64
1 inch meter	14.79	13.39	28.18	16.99	15.39	32.38
1 ¼ inch meter	20.77	29.92	50.69	23.86	34.38	58.24
1 ½ inch meter	20.77	29.92	50.69	23.86	34.38	58.24
2 inch meter	29.13	53.06	82.19	33.47	60.97	94.44
3 inch meter	53.13	119.47	172.60	61.05	137.27	198.32
4 inch meter	86.70	212.50	299.20	99.62	244.16	343.78
5 inch meter	159.44	413.94	573.38	183.20	475.61	658.81
6 inch meter	182.49	477.76	660.25	209.68	548.95	758.63
8 inch meter	316.75	849.66	1,166.41	363.95	976.26	1,340.21
10 inch meter	489.30	1,327.33	1,816.63	562.21	1,525.10	2,087.31

**Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer**

Allowed

Inside Users

Outside Users\*

5/8 inch meter	300	\$29.87	\$34.31
3/4 inch meter	300	29.87	34.31
1 inch meter	800	62.26	71.50
1 ¼ inch meter	1,700	123.11	141.37
1 ½ inch meter	1,700	123.11	141.37
2 inch meter	3,000	201.69	231.64
3 inch meter	6,800	422.44	485.24
4 inch meter	12,200	717.76	824.54
5 inch meter	23,700	1,300.14	1,493.77
6 inch meter	27,400	1,486.17	1,707.55
8 inch meter	48,600	2,560.49	2,942.09
10 inch meter	76,000	3,945.03	4,533.11

**Private Fire Protection Charge – Automatic Sprinkler System** (Annual Charge)

Inside Users

Outside Users\*

2 inch connection	\$ 116.60	\$ 133.95
3 inch connection	264.95	304.40
4 inch connection	466.25	535.70
5 inch connection	921.95	1,059.30
6 inch connection	1,059.55	1,217.40
8 inch connection	1,886.00	2,167.00
10 inch connection	2,945.40	3,384.25

**ATM Fee (per gallon)** \$0.0126

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**Phase V – Effective January 1, 2028**

Inside Users

Outside Users\*

**Metered Rates and Charges – General Service** (rate per 100 cubic feet)

First	2,000 cubic feet	\$4.58	\$5.26
Next	8,000 cubic feet	3.69	4.24
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.88	3.31

**General Service:**

**Monthly Service Charge (Including Public Fire Protection)**

	<u>Inside Users</u>			<u>Outside Users*</u>		
	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>	<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Public Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Monthly Service Charge</u>
5/8 inch meter	\$12.77	\$5.60	\$18.37	\$14.67	\$6.43	\$21.10
3/4 inch meter	12.77	5.60	18.37	14.67	6.43	21.10
1 inch meter	15.90	14.39	30.29	18.27	16.53	34.80
1 ¼ inch meter	22.33	32.16	54.49	25.66	36.95	62.61
1 ½ inch meter	22.33	32.16	54.49	25.66	36.95	62.61
2 inch meter	31.31	57.04	88.35	35.98	65.53	101.51
3 inch meter	57.11	128.44	185.55	65.62	147.58	213.20
4 inch meter	93.20	228.44	321.64	107.09	262.47	369.56
5 inch meter	171.40	444.98	616.38	196.94	511.28	708.22
6 inch meter	196.18	513.59	709.77	225.41	590.12	815.53
8 inch meter	340.51	913.38	1,253.89	391.25	1,049.47	1,440.72
10 inch meter	526.00	1,426.88	1,952.88	604.37	1,639.49	2,243.86

**Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer**

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
5/8 inch meter	300	\$32.11	\$36.88
3/4 inch meter	300	32.11	36.88
1 inch meter	800	66.93	76.88
1 ¼ inch meter	1,700	132.35	152.03
1 ½ inch meter	1,700	132.35	152.03
2 inch meter	3,000	216.85	249.11
3 inch meter	6,800	454.27	521.92
4 inch meter	12,200	771.80	886.78
5 inch meter	23,700	1,397.74	1,606.09
6 inch meter	27,400	1,597.69	1,835.87
8 inch meter	48,600	2,752.37	3,162.78
10 inch meter	76,000	4,240.48	4,872.86

**Private Fire Protection Charge – Automatic Sprinkler System** (Annual Charge)

	<u>Inside Users</u>	<u>Outside Users*</u>
2 inch connection	\$ 125.35	\$ 144.00
3 inch connection	284.85	327.25
4 inch connection	501.25	575.90
5 inch connection	991.10	1,138.75
6 inch connection	1,139.05	1,308.75
8 inch connection	2,027.45	2,329.50
10 inch connection	3,166.35	3,638.10

**ATM Fee (per gallon)** \$0.0129

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At the meeting of the Council on April 22, 2024, and prior to adoption of the Ordinance, any property owners, ratepayers, or anyone else interested in the proceedings may appear and be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The hearing may be adjourned, if necessary. A complete copy of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, Holly Taylor, 166 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

Following adoption of the Ordinance, users of the waterworks system for service to property located outside the City’s corporate boundaries may be entitled to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.3 to review and adjust the rates and

charges imposed on them if a petition under Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.2 with respect to the Ordinance has not been filed.

CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA

/s/ Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer

April 9, 2024