

ORDINANCE #8, 2024

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA
INCREASING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS OF THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Valparaiso, Indiana (the “City”) has established, acquired, and financed its waterworks pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5, as amended (the “Act”), for the purpose of providing for the furnishing of drinking water for inhabitants in and around the City; and

WHEREAS, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, municipal advisor to the City, has prepared a rate report concerning the current rates and charges of the waterworks (the “Report”); and

WHEREAS, based upon the Report, the Common Council of the City (the “Council”) finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks do not produce sufficient revenues to pay all the legal and necessary expenses incident to the operation of such waterworks, including legal expenses, maintenance costs, operating charges, repairs, lease rentals and interest charges on bonds or other obligations of the waterworks, to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of indebtedness, to provide adequate funds to be used as working capital and funds for making extensions and replacements, to make payments in lieu of taxes and to provide a reasonable return on the waterworks utility plant; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Report, the Council finds that the current rates and charges of the waterworks as set forth in Ordinance No. 27-2013, adopted by the Council on November 25, 2013 (the “2013 Ordinance”), do not produce an income sufficient to maintain the waterworks property in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the waterworks as set forth in the 2013 Ordinance must be increased in order to provide sufficient revenue to meet such requirements and that such rates should be increased in phases as herein provided; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the rates and charges set forth herein are based upon the cost of providing service to the customers of the waterworks and will enable the City to meet its legal revenue requirements for the waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Council has caused notice of a public hearing on the rates and charges set forth herein to be duly advertised and mailed, and has held a public hearing thereon, all pursuant to the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana that:

Section 1. The revised schedule of rates and charges for the waterworks utility services charged by the City attached as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference is hereby

approved and shall go into effect on the first full billing period occurring subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, and all provisions of the Valparaiso City Code, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The rates and charges herein set forth which amend the rates and charges set forth in 2013 Ordinance shall likewise amend the corresponding rates and charges as set forth in the Valparaiso City Code.

Section 3. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other parts of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid part, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. 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 Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2024.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA

By: 

Presiding Officer
Valparaiso Common Council

ATTEST:



Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer
City of Valparaiso

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2024.



Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer
City of Valparaiso

Signed and approved by me upon this 22nd day of April, 2024.



Jon Costas, Mayor
City of Valparaiso

EXHIBIT A

Phase 1 - Effective upon adoption

Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)	
First	2,000 cubic feet
Next	8,000 cubic feet
Over	10,000 cubic feet

Inside Users		Outside Users*	
	\$3.42		\$3.93
	2.78		3.17
	2.16		2.49

**GENERAL SERVICE:
Monthly Service Charges (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	\$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	13.69	12.39	26.08
1 1/4	inch meter	16.72	24.08	40.80	19.21	27.67	46.88
1 1/2	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	42.78	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	394.58	531.48	169.79	441.88	610.67
8	inch meter	254.97	683.94	938.91	292.86	785.85	1,078.81
10	inch meter	393.86	1,069.46	1,463.32	452.55	1,227.66	1,680.21

Monthly Minimum Charges per Customer

		Above	Inside Users	Outside Users*
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 1/4	inch meter	1,700	98.94	113.69
1 1/2	inch meter	1,700	98.94	113.69
2	inch meter	3,000	182.17	189.33
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	1,186.52	1,374.39
8	inch meter	48,600	2,061.67	2,369.29
10	inch meter	76,000	3,177.12	3,649.21

Private Fire Protection Charges - Automatic Sprinkler System (Annual charge)

		Inside Users	Outside Users*
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	852.80
6	inch connection	862.80	979.85
8	inch connection	1,518.10	1,744.25
10	inch connection	2,370.85	2,724.10

ATM Fee (per call)

\$0.0117

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Phase II - Effective July 1, 2025

Inside Users Outside Users*

Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)

First	2,000 cubic feet	\$3.68	\$4.23
Next	6,000 cubic feet	2.97	3.41
Over	10,000 cubic feet	2.32	2.66

GENERAL SERVICE:

Monthly Service Charge (including Public Fire Protection)

	Customer Service Charge	Inside Users Public Fire Protection	Total Monthly Service Charge	Customer Service Charge	Outside Users* Public Fire Protection	Total Monthly Service Charge
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 1/4 inch meter	17.97	25.89	43.86	20.65	29.75	50.40
1 1/2 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	163.89	238.91	88.20	211.29	299.49
5 inch meter	137.97	358.20	496.17	158.53	411.57	570.10
6 inch meter	157.82	413.42	571.24	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

Allowed	Inside Users	Outside Users*
300	\$25.63	\$29.68
inch meter	25.63	29.68
300	25.63	29.68
inch meter	53.82	61.85
800	53.82	61.85
inch meter	106.42	122.31
1,700	106.42	122.31
inch meter	106.42	122.31
3,000	174.43	200.43
inch meter	174.43	200.43
6,800	385.52	419.89
inch meter	385.52	419.89
12,200	621.15	713.41
inch meter	621.15	713.41
23,700	1,125.21	1,291.92
inch meter	1,125.21	1,291.92
27,400	1,286.22	1,476.71
inch meter	1,286.22	1,476.71
48,600	2,218.05	2,543.88
inch meter	2,218.05	2,543.88
76,000	3,414.39	3,919.22
inch meter	3,414.39	3,919.22

Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System (Annual charge)

	Inside Users	Outside Users*
2 inch connection	\$100.65	\$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	918.60	1,053.40
8 inch connection	1,632.00	1,875.15
10 inch connection	2,548.70	2,928.45

ATM Fee (per call)

\$0.0119

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Phase III - Effective July 1, 2026

	Inside Users	Outside Users*
Watered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)		
First	\$3.96	\$4.55
Next	3.19	3.66
Over	2.49	2.86
	10,000 cubic feet	
		10,000 cubic feet

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	\$11.05	\$4.85	\$16.90	\$12.70	\$5.57	\$18.27
3/4	inch meter	11.05	4.85	16.90	12.70	5.57	18.27
1	inch meter	13.76	12.45	26.21	15.81	14.31	30.12
1 1/4	inch meter	19.32	27.83	47.15	22.20	31.99	54.18
1 1/2	inch meter	19.32	27.83	47.15	22.20	31.99	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	355.05	503.38	170.42	442.43	612.85
6	inch meter	168.76	444.43	614.19	195.05	510.65	705.70
8	inch meter	294.65	790.38	1,085.03	339.55	908.15	1,246.70
10	inch meter	455.16	1,234.73	1,689.89	622.88	1,418.70	1,941.68

Monthly Minimum Charge per Customer

	Allowed	Inside Users	Outside Users*
5/8	inch meter	300	\$31.92
3/4	inch meter	300	31.92
1	inch meter	800	66.52
1 1/4	inch meter	1,700	131.53
1 1/2	inch meter	1,700	131.53
2	inch meter	3,000	215.45
3	inch meter	6,800	451.16
4	inch meter	12,200	766.52
5	inch meter	23,700	1,398.47
6	inch meter	27,400	1,597.14
8	inch meter	48,600	2,734.46
10	inch meter	78,000	4,213.08

Private Fire Protection Charge - Automatic Sprinkler System (Annual charge)

	Inside Users	Outside Users*
2	inch connection	\$108.45
3	inch connection	246.45
4	inch connection	433.70
5	inch connection	857.60
6	inch connection	865.60
8	inch connection	1,754.40
10	inch connection	2,739.80

ATM Fire Alarm Callout

\$0.0122

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Phase IV - Effective July 1, 2022

		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 Charges (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	32.39
1 1/4	inch meter	20.77	29.92	50.69	23.86	34.39	58.24
1 1/2	inch meter	20.77	29.92	50.69	23.86	34.39	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	846.66	1,163.41	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 Charges 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 1/4	inch meter	1,700	123.11	141.37
1 1/2	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	48,800	2,560.49	2,942.09
10	inch meter	76,000	3,945.03	4,533.11

Private Fire Protection Charges - 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	1,898.00	2,167.00
10	inch connection	2,945.40	3,394.25

ATM Fee (per gallon)

\$0.0126

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Phase V - Effective July 1, 2028

Metered Rates and Charges - GENERAL SERVICE (rate per 100 cubic feet)
 First 2,000 cubic feet \$4.58
 Next 8,000 cubic feet 3.69
 Over 10,000 cubic feet 2.88

Outside Users*

\$5.26
 4.24
 3.31

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	\$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 1/4 inch meter	22.33	32.16	54.49	25.66	36.95	62.61
1 1/2 inch meter	22.33	32.16	54.49	25.66	36.95	62.61
2 inch meter	31.31	57.04	88.35	35.88	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	515.59	709.77	225.41	590.12	815.53
8 inch meter	340.51	913.39	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

	Abroad	Inside Users	Outside Users*
5/8 inch meter	300	\$32.11	\$39.89
3/4 inch meter	300	32.11	36.88
1 inch meter	600	66.93	76.88
1 1/4 inch meter	1,700	132.35	152.03
1 1/2 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	888.78
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)

	Inside Users	Outside Users*
2 inch connection	\$125.35	\$144.00
3 inch connection	284.85	327.25
4 inch connection	501.25	575.90
5 inch connection	891.10	1,138.75
6 inch connection	1,139.05	1,308.75
8 inch connection	2,027.45	2,329.50
10 inch connection	3,186.35	3,698.10

ATM Fee (per gallon)

\$0.0129

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