

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1001

An Ordinance Establishing Utility Credits for Summer Sewer Use

The Town Council of the Town of Williamsport, Indiana ordains as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Williamsport desires to take reasonable efforts to collect sufficient funds to generate revenue necessary to fund and operate the Town's utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Williamsport desires to balance its initiatives in the collection of utility revenue with various requests from residential water users for relief from having to pay the amount for sewage associated with the number of gallons of water used is not going directly through the sewer system.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO IC § 36-1-3-6, BE IT ORDAINED that the Code of the Town of Williamsport, Indiana is hereby amended as follows:

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Utility customer are entitled to a fixed maximum sewer rate during summer months, based upon the Customer's water use during the first quarter of a calendar year.
2. "Summer Months" shall include the monthly statements for usage billed during June through September of a calendar year.
3. The Town Council may opt, at their discretion, to extend the "Summer Months" an additional month to the October bill.
4. These provisions apply only to residential customers, who maintained a water/sewer utility accounts with the Town of Williamsport, continuously during the months of January, February, and March of the calendar year.
5. This Ordinance is intended to fix the maximum amount a customer will be charged for sewer during summer months, based upon their average use during the first quarter of a given year.

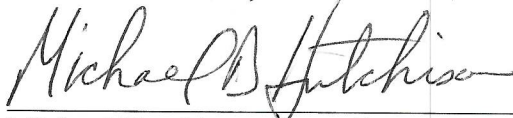
B. PROCEDURES

1. Prior to June 1st of each calendar year, the Utility Clerk shall compute the "average monthly water use" for customers who request a summer sewer credit, by averaging the usage during the first quarter of a calendar year.
2. The Clerk shall then determine the sewer charge that correlates with the average monthly water use. This sewer charge shall be the "fixed maximum sewer charge" for that customer, regardless of water use, during the summer months.
3. Once a fixed maximum sewer charge is calculated, the customer may have a lower sewer charge. In the event that the customer has a lower sewer charge than the fixed maximum sewer charge, the customer will be responsible for the full charges at cost. The fixed rate will serve as a maximum for each summer month.
4. Because this Ordinance is based upon the presumption that water used to improve vegetation or to fill pools does not generally enter into the Town's sewer system, nothing in this Ordinance will prevent the Williamsport Town Council from revoking the benefits of a fixed maximum sewer charge, in the event the Council discovers that a Customer is placing excessive water into the Town's sewer system and the Council deems such recourse is appropriate.

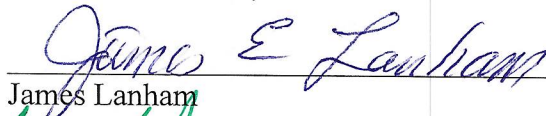
This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication according to law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED this 1st day of October, 2020.

TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF
WILLIAMSPORT, INDIANA



Michael Hutchison, Council President

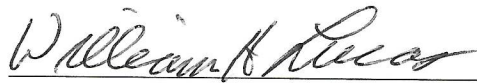


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