

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-3
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of New Richmond, Indiana has established rates and charges for the Sewer Utility and Water Utility, as well as Utility Billing Procedure Policy: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code, this Council may modify or adjust its existing schedule of fees by ordinance after providing notice and conducting a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code authorizes the Town Council to adopt by ordinance nondiscriminatory, reasonable and just rates and charges for sewer and water services rendered by the Town's Sewer Utility and Water Utility; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Town Council that the existing rates will be overstated on and after July 1, 2022, due to the repeal of the Indiana URT (Utility Receipt Tax), and therefore should be amended and modified as provided for in this ordinance and that also the water utility's rates and charges at their current level are insufficient to operate the water utility and should be modified as provided in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council, after considering the needs of the Town's Utilities, determines it necessary to make changes and amend the sewer and water rates and charges in the Town of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana in the following manner:

I. WATER RATES & CHARGES:

Metered Rates Per 1000 Gallon Units Per Month

Minimum monthly rate will be raised an additional \$2.44, but after applying the decrease for the elimination of the URT Tax it will be raise to \$2.00, making it \$22.18 for the first 1000 gallons. Each additional 1000-gallon units, rounding up to the 1000 gallons will be raised an additional \$2.00 such as:

1001 – 2000 gallons: from \$24.72 to \$26.72

2001 – 3000 gallons: from \$29.26 to \$31.26

3001 – 4000 gallons: from \$33.80 to \$35.80

4001 – 5000 gallons: from \$38.34 to \$40.34

5001 – 6000 gallons: from \$42.88 to \$44.88

And so on rounding up to the 1000 gallons.

II. WASTEWATER RATES & CHARGES:

Flat Rates

First - 3000 gallons	\$43.62
3001 - 6000 gallons	\$65.69
6001 - 20,000 gallons	\$87.76
20,001 - and over	\$109.83

(A) The Town of New Richmond finds at this time the need to have a minimum charge for all properties, including unoccupied properties, hooked into the wastewater system. The minimum charge of \$43.62 will be implemented to assist in the operation and maintenance of the wastewater system as well as payments for the loan on the wastewater system.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage, and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are of no further force of effect and are hereby repealed. If any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance. The amendment thereof adopted by this Ordinance shall immediately take effect on 1st day of August, 2022 utility billing.

First Hearing June 7, 2022
Second Hearing June 20, 2022

ADOPTED and PASSED on this 20 day of June, 2022, by the Town Council of the Town of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
<u>Minnie M. Howard</u> Minnie Howard Council President	✓	_____	_____
<u>Shelly Wulfers</u> Shelly Wulfers Council Member	✓	_____	_____
<u>Marcella Darling</u> Marcella Darling Council Member	✓	_____	_____

Attest:
Alaathea Foust
Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer