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SPONSORS: Janet Venecz
Councilwoman at Large
Dan Spitale
Councilman at Large

ORDINANCE NO. 9486

**An Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water Services Furnished
by the Hammond Water Works Department
(as amended)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond, Indiana ("City") operates a municipal water utility through its Hammond Water Works Department ("HWWD") for the purposes of treating and distributing water to the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the existing rates and charges for water services provided by the Utility were placed into effect following approval by the IURC on June 18, 1985; and

WHEREAS, the HWWD commissioned an analysis through Cender & Company, LLC ("Cender & Company"), to determine the HWWD's costs, both in the recent past and for anticipated future years, and the minimum amount of funds necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Department together with anticipated capital improvement; and

WHEREAS, Cender & Company has advised that the HWWD needs a rate increase to provide sufficient monies to meet revenue requirements, pay for debt service and fund annual capital improvements as set forth in I.C. § 8-1.5-3-8; and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Water Works Department Board of Directors ("HWWD Board") has recommended to the Common Council ("Council") of the City that it approve by Ordinance the revised rates and charges for water service pursuant to Resolution Number 20-01, which represents that revised rates and charges are necessary to secure additional funds for the operation, maintenance, replacements, and capital improvements to the Water Works' Filtration Plant and Distribution System and to pay for taxes otherwise due, sinking funds and debt service on bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the Resolution and finds that the HWWD Board has determined that an increase in funds is necessary to protect and enhance the ability to safely and efficiently secure, treat, and distribute water, to improve, reconstruct, replace or upgrade substantial portions of the HWWD Filtration Plan and Distribution System, and to provide an environmentally responsible, healthful, efficient and effective means of providing water to the customers of the Hammond Water Works Department, all as required by the laws of the United States and the State of Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, HWWD has withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the IURC for the approval of rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Council has concluded that the adoption of the revised rates and charges as proposed is in the best interest of the HWWD and its consumers, that the expense of proper maintenance, planning and development for the Water Department's intake, Treatment Facility and Distribution System are not otherwise obtainable, and that failure to address the HWWD's needs will expose it to potential harm resulting in even higher costs to its residents or interruption of best services; and

WHEREAS, based upon the HWWD's Board of Director's Resolution No. 20-01, the Council finds that it is necessary to amend the rates and charges for water as set forth on Exhibit A, and that such rates are non-discriminatory, reasonable, and just charges for services within the meaning of I.C. § 8-1.5-3-8.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana that the rates and charges as set forth on Exhibit A are hereby adopted as and for the rates and charges to be utilized by the HWWD for water service, effective as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Hammond Common Council that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that pursuant to Indiana Code § 8-1.5-3-8.1, a public hearing on proposed rates and charges was held on 11-16-2020 at the Hammond Common Council Chambers, 5925 Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN 46320 and notice pursuant to statute was provided.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Hammond Common Council that if any part, parts, section, sections, provision, clause or portions of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or constitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of this ordinance as a whole or of any other part, parts, section, sections, provision or clause or portion of this ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana this 16th day of November, 2020.



President Dave Woerpel
Hammond Common Council

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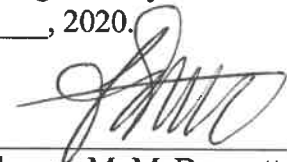
ATTEST:


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

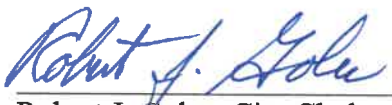
PRESENTED by me, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 17th day of November, 2020.


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 9486 consisting of four (4) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana this 18th day of November, 2020.


Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council of the 16th day of November, 2020
and APPROVED by the Mayor of the 18th day of November, 2020.


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
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EXHIBIT A

<u>Metered Rates:</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Consumption per 1,000 Gallons	\$1.90	\$2.10	\$2.30
<u>Base (Minimum) Monthly Charge:</u>			
<u>Size of Meter</u>			
5/8 or 3/4	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
1	6.42	6.42	6.42
1 1/2	10.68	10.68	10.68
2	14.23	14.23	14.23
3	25.35	25.35	25.35
4	40.65	40.65	40.65
6	79.80	79.80	79.80
8	127.48	127.48	127.48
10	186.67	186.67	186.67
12	281.62	281.62	281.62
<u>Fire Protection Monthly Charge Hydrants/Sprinklers</u>			
<u>Size of Meter</u>			
5/8 or 3/4	\$4.03	\$4.03	\$4.03
1	6.04	6.04	6.04
1 1/2	13.58	13.58	13.58
2	24.14	24.14	24.14
3	54.32	54.32	54.32
4	96.56	96.56	96.56
5	150.88	150.88	150.88
6	217.26	217.26	217.26
8	386.24	386.24	386.24
10	603.50	603.50	603.50
12	869.04	869.04	869.04

***The base charge will not increase automatically on an annual basis.