

ORDINANCE NO. 26-6-2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND
CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE
TOWN OF ST. JOE, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Joe, Indiana (the “Town”) has established, acquired, and financed its waterworks pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5-2 and -3, as amended (collectively, the “Act”), for the purpose of providing for the furnishing of drinking water in and outside the Town; and

WHEREAS, the current schedule of rates and charges for the waterworks are set forth in Ordinance No. 19-02, adopted by the Town Council of the Town (the “Council”) on August 19, 2019 (the “Prior Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, municipal advisor to the Town, has prepared a rate report concerning the rates and charges of the waterworks in connection with proposed additions and improvements to be made to the waterworks through a waterworks revenue bond financing (the “Report”); and

WHEREAS, based upon the Report, 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 maintenance costs, operation charges, upkeep, repairs, interest charges on obligations of the waterworks, to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of indebtedness, and 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 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 must be increased in order to provide sufficient revenue to meet such requirements and to comply with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the rates herein authorized should be implemented in three (3) phases with Phase I commencing July 1, 2026, Phase II commencing January 1, 2027 and Phase III commencing January 1, 2028; 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 to the Town to meet its legal revenue requirements for the waterworks;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of St. Joe, Indiana that:

Section 1. The monthly charges for Flat Rates as set forth in Section 1A of the Prior Ordinance are hereby amended and restated as follows:

A. Flat Rates:

	<u>Phase I</u> <u>Effective 07/01/2026 to</u> <u>12/31/2026</u>	<u>Phase II</u> <u>Effective 01/01/2027 to</u> <u>12/31/2027</u>	<u>Phase III</u> <u>Effective 01/01/2028</u> <u>and thereafter</u>
Residential Customers	\$ 40.60	\$ 50.20	\$ 59.85
Small Commercial Customers*	40.60	50.20	59.85
Medium Commercial Customers*	55.00	68.00	81.05
Large Commercial Customers*	68.10	84.20	100.35
Riverdale School**	39.30	48.60	57.90
Trailer Park	1,258.60	1,556.25	1,854.75

* The size of the commercial customers will be determined by the Town Council and/or waterworks superintendent. A small business may petition the Town Council for an exemption from a flat rate for water charges.

** For year round service includes school and outdoor public restroom.

Section 2. The monthly charge for Fire Hydrant Rental as set forth in Section 1B of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended and restated as follows:

B. Fire Hydrant Rental:

	<u>Phase I</u> <u>Effective 07/01/2026 to</u> <u>12/31/2026</u>	<u>Phase II</u> <u>Effective 01/01/2027 to</u> <u>12/31/2027</u>	<u>Phase III</u> <u>Effective 01/01/2028</u> <u>and thereafter</u>
	\$ 6.55	\$ 8.10	\$ 9.65

Assessed through monthly individual account user. Not funded from the Town's General Fund.

Section 3. Except to the extent amended hereby, the Prior Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF
ST. JOE, INDIANA

Misty Spicer, President

Zebulon Griggs, Member

Randy Drake, Member

Attest:

Angela Snyder, Clerk-Treasurer