

ORDINANCE 19-02
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOE

WATER WORKS SYSTEM

An ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of St. Joe, Indiana, Amending Chapter 9, Article 2, Sections 9-7.9-11, 9-12,9-22,9-28,2-29,9-31 of the St. Joe Town Code by the inclusion/deletion of sections entitles: **Water Works System**.

Whereas, the Town of St. Joe, Indiana has adopted an ordinance regulating and governing the municipal water supply system and establishing the rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the Water Works System of the town; and

Whereas, the Town is desirous of amending the rates and charges as set forth herein; now therefore be it ordained by the St. Joe Town Board Members of the Town of St. Joe, Indiana;

Section 1. That there shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the Water Works System of the Town of St. Joe, Indiana the following rates and charges:

A. Flat Rates:	<u>Residential Customers</u>	<u>\$31.00</u>	per month
	<u>Small Commercial Customers</u>	<u>\$31.00</u>	per month
	<u>Medium Commercial Customers</u>	<u>\$42.00</u>	per month
	<u>Large Commercial Customers</u>	<u>\$52.00</u>	per month

(The size of the commercial customers will be determined by the Town Board and/or Water Works Superintendent)

A small business may petition the town board for an exemption from a flat rate for water charges.

<u>Riverdale School</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	per pupil
(For year round service includes school and outdoor public restroom)		
<u>Trailer Park</u>	<u>\$961.00</u>	per month

B. Fire Hydrant Rental: \$5.00 per month
Assessed through monthly individual account user, the hydrant fee will no longer be funded from the Town of St. Joe's General Fund.

C. Tap Charge: \$400.00 per tap
The tap charge can be waived for new construction as determined by the St. Joe Town Board.

D. Additional Cost: Bore, Road repair, restoration additional cost include these stated but are not limited to these stated costs.

E. Deposit: \$50.00 (forfeited if customer moves without notification to the Water Works Department or if the customer moves leaving an unpaid bill).

F. Turn ON Fee: \$50.00
Turn OFF Fee: \$50.00 (Fee's automatically charged after disconnect for non payment).
Emergency On/Off Fee: No Charge

G. Late Payment: **10%** (Penalty fee applied on the 15th of each month)

H. Trash Pick Up: Residential \$11.60 per month
Small Commercial \$11.60 per month
(Collected through the water utility and placed in Sanitation fund)
(Increasing by \$0.60 per year until July 31, 2024)
Second Garbage Cart \$11.00 per month

I. Storm Water Rates: All customers in town limits \$2.00 per month
(Collected through the water utility and placed in Storm Water fund)

J. Water Services furnished for Temporary Uses shall be charged on the amount used as estimated or determined by a St. Joe Board Member at Five Cents Per Gallon (.05).

K. Swimming Pool in town limits. Residents will be required to register and have a permit for any swimming pool. There is no fee for this permit. **However, a fee of \$0.01 per rated gallon per manufacture listed water capacity over 500 gallons of the pool unit being supplied water will be assessed. Original effective date of June 1, 2009; updated July 27, 2015.** Receipt must be provided if filled with water outside town limits. If a pool permit has not been filled out and there is a pool on your property you will have ten (10) days to fill out a permit once you have been notified or a \$75.00 pool charge will be added to your water bill.

L. Excess Water Usage as determined by the St. Joe Town Board. (Broken lines left unrepaired, excessive lawn watering, etc.) Will be charged **\$25.00 per day** after written notification to rectify the situation from the Water Works Clerk.

M. Fine for **Curb Stop Tampering, Hydrant Tampering,** and/or **Unauthorized Use** will be **\$500.00** for the first offense and **\$1000.00** per occurrence thereafter.

N. Backhoe Rental; The St. Joe Town Board would like to make the backhoe available for operation to the town residents for a fee. Operation of the backhoe will be by a town employee assigned to the job. Any and all projects must have prior town board approval at a board meeting. There will be a \$40/hour rental fee with a minimum of 1 hour. Anything after 1 hour will be rounded up to the next hour. The first hour must be paid to the Clerk Treasurer and a release of liability form must be signed before the backhoe is used, anything after that will be billed to the resident. If the resident does not pay the invoice for the backhoe use within fifteen (15) days the total amount due will be added onto the monthly water bill.

Section 2. With respect to the rates and charges established for the trailer courts, the owner or owners of any and all trailer courts within the boundary of the Town of St. Joe, Indiana shall be responsible for the payment of the rates and charges established herein.

Section 3. Unclaimed Water Deposits. In December of each year the clerk will create a list of all unclaimed water deposits for that year and present them to the board in January. The Clerk will then transfer those unclaimed water deposits from the Water Utility Meter Deposit Fund into the Water Utility Operating Fund.

Section 4. Balances left on accounts. In November every year the clerk will review any abandoned accounts that have balances on them and present the accounts with balances to the board for approval and sent for collection or payment. If a rental property and/or land contract and the tenant leaves a balance on the account, the tenant's deposit will be applied and any remaining balance will be the property owner's responsibility on record at DeKalb County Courthouse. All renters and land contracts must give property owner's information to clerk.

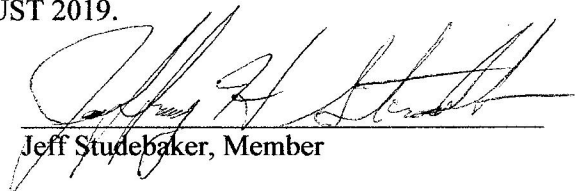
Section 5. In all other respects, Ordinance No. 85-2, establishing rates and charges and governing the municipal water supply system for the Town of St. Joe, Indiana shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and in effect August 19, 2019 after its passage and approval by the Town Board, of the Town of St. Joe, Indiana.

VOTED AND PASSED ON THE 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2019.



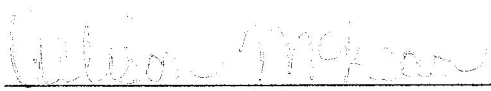
Randy Drake, President



Jeff Studebaker, Member



Mary E. Simcox, Member

Attest: 

Allison McKean, Clerk Treasurer