

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-2021 (AMENDED),
ESTABLISHING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF LAPEL,
INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lapel, Indiana (the "Town"), has heretofore constructed and has in operation a waterworks utility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town (the "Council") has previously established the existing schedule of user rates and charges for waterworks service, pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-2021 (Amended), adopted by the Council on November 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town has employed a qualified Municipal Advisor to prepare a rate report reviewing the sufficiency of such existing rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Advisor has prepared and submitted a rate report (the "Rate Report") which concludes that existing rates and charges are insufficient to pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, including increases in such costs, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds, future bonds or other obligations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 8-1.5-3-8, as amended (the "Act"), this Council may change or adjust its existing schedule of fees by ordinance after providing notice and conducting a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town has given notice of the public hearing on proposed rates as provided for in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held before this Council on June 17, 2026, at which time testimony from interested persons was received, after introduction of this ordinance and as provided for in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LAPEL, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby finds and determines that, based upon the Rate Report, the existing rates and charges are insufficient to pay all the legal and other necessary expenses incident to the operation of the utility, including maintenance costs, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, depreciation, including increases in such costs, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds, future bonds or other obligations.

SECTION 2. The Council finds and determines that the proposed rates and charges as set forth in Exhibit A hereto represent a uniform increase of sixty-three and three-tenths percent

(63.3%) across all rate tiers and meter size categories, are nondiscriminatory, reasonable and just, and therefore should be adopted.

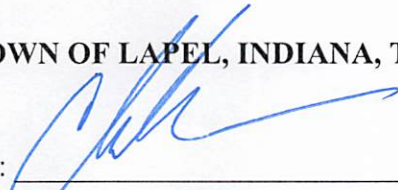
SECTION 3. The Council finds and determines that the proposed rates set forth in Exhibit A hereto are nondiscriminatory, reasonable and just, and should be adopted.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

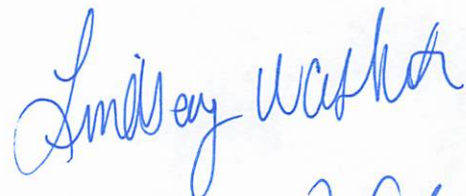

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. This ordinance shall be effective for bills rendered on and after the day after adoption of this ordinance or such later date as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

DULY PASSED on this 24TH day of JUNE, 2026, by the Town Council of the Town of Lapel, Indiana.

TOWN OF LAPEL, INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL

By: 

President

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF LAPEL MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY SCHEDULE OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

I. Metered Flow Rates (Per 1,000 Gallons)

Usage Tier (per 1,000 Gallons)	Current Rate	Increase	Proposed Rate
First 2,000 Gallons	\$11.71	+63.3%	\$19.12
Next 4,000 Gallons	\$10.63	+63.3%	\$17.36
Next 9,000 Gallons	\$9.04	+63.3%	\$14.76
Next 15,000 Gallons	\$8.20	+63.3%	\$13.39
Over 30,000 Gallons	\$5.92	+63.3%	\$9.67

II. Minimum Charge per Month

Meter Size	Current Charge	Increase	Proposed Charge
5/8 - 3/4 inch	\$23.43	+63.3%	\$38.24
1 inch	\$35.32	+63.3%	\$57.68
1 1/4 inch	\$58.80	+63.3%	\$95.53
1 1/2 inch	\$82.20	+63.3%	\$134.25
2 inch	\$94.14	+63.3%	\$153.73
3 inch	\$117.54	+63.3%	\$191.81
4 inch	\$188.27	+63.3%	\$307.47
6 inch	\$293.93	+63.3%	\$480.05