

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE IN SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE TOWN OF CICERO, INDIANA

Property owners and other interested parties in the Town of Cicero, Indiana, are hereby notified that the Rate Ordinance Number 09-03-2024-02, increasing the rates and charges for services to be rendered by the sewer works, was introduced at a meeting of the Council held on September 3, 2024.

A public hearing of the Council on the matter of the rates and charges will be held at 7:00 PM, local time, on September 17, 2024, in Jenkins Meeting Room at the Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W Brinton St, Cicero, Indiana. The Council will convene and may consider the adoption of said ordinance at the meeting to be held on September 17, 2024.

The Rate Ordinance provides for an increase in rates as set forth in the text of the Rate Ordinance which is included in this Notice. At such public hearing and prior to final adoption of the Rate Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. The complete text of proposed Rate Ordinance and the Rate Report prepared by the financial advisor are on file and available for examination and copying at the office of the Clerk Treasurer, 331 East Jackson Street; Cicero, IN 46034, Indiana during regular business hours, and will be available at the public hearing.

Public comments and input will also be accepted in writing via mail or email. Copies of all written comments received in advance of the hearing will be distributed to the members of the town council for their review and consideration. Letters concerning Rate Ordinance Number 09-03-2024-02 may be submitted by mail to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034 or via email to publiccomment@townofcicero.in.gov. Please note, this email address is for the acceptance of comments only. If you have questions regarding the proposed ordinance, public hearing procedures, or anything else relating to this matter, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office by phone at 317-984-4900 or by email at rgary@townofcicero.in.gov.

Following the adoption of the Rate Ordinance, users located outside the municipality's corporate boundaries may be entitled to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission under Indiana Code §8-1.5-3-8.3 to review and adjust the rates and charges imposed on the users if a petition under Indiana Code §8-1.5-3-8.2 with respect to the same rate ordinance has not been filed.

Dated September 4, 2024.

Town of Cicero, Indiana

Rhonda Gary

Clerk Treasurer

ORDINANCE NUMBER NO 09-03-2024-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL SEWAGE RATES

WHEREAS The Town of Cicero, Hamilton County, Indiana is a corporation and operates the Cicero (Indiana) Municipal Sewage Works; and

WHEREAS the Cicero Town Council recognizes the need to increase rates and charges to fund the annual revenue requirements of the Sewage Works; and

WHEREAS the Town Council adopted Ordinance 05-08-2024-03 on June 4, 2024 enacting rate increases on July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025 as preliminary increases to cover the costs of mandated improvements to the Sewage Works; and

WHEREAS the Town Council did this with the understanding that an additional increase would likely be necessary once the project was completed and all costs, less any grants or other offsets, were known with certainty; and

WHEREAS the Town's contract with the contractor sets a guaranteed maximum price for said project, it is possible the project will cost less than that amount. In addition, the final, long-term funding interest rate cannot be determined until the project is complete; and

WHEREAS the Town Council intended to make any additional, required rate increase at that time; and

WHEREAS the Indiana Bond Bank offers the best interim financing option which will result in a savings of over \$500,000.00 to the project's final costs; and

WHEREAS to be eligible for this financing the Town Council must already have rates in place sufficient to cover the estimated final cost of the project as of this date; and

WHEREAS the Town Council anticipates that between grant funds, other buy-downs, and the lower interest rate on the long term SRF loan, it will be able to reduce the final dollar amount that will be financed long-term, thereby reducing the project's final costs and the required debt service; and

WHEREAS the Town Council intends to modify the rates adopted by this Ordinance prior to their effective dates based upon the final costs of the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it established by the Cicero Town Council that:

Section 1

The town sewage rates shall be established as follows and sections 51.26 (A) (1) and 51.26 (A) (2) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the substitution of these rates:

Metered Consumption		
First	5,000	gallons
Next	5,000	gallons
Next	10,000	gallons
Over	20,000	gallons

Monthly Rate per 1,000 gallons			
Adopted 6-4-2024		Proposed (for 2028 and 2029)	
Present Rates (1)	Commencing 7-1-25	Commencing 1-1-28	Commencing 1-1-29
		Phase I	Phase II
\$15.07	\$17.33	\$20.45	\$24.13
\$13.55	\$15.58	\$18.38	\$21.69
\$12.51	\$14.39	\$16.98	\$20.04
\$11.90	\$13.69	\$16.15	\$19.06

Minimum Charge	Inch meter	Gallons Allowed	Per Month			
			5/8	3000	\$45.21	\$51.99
3/4	3000	\$45.21	\$51.99	\$61.35	\$72.39	
1	4000	\$60.28	\$69.32	\$81.80	\$96.52	
1 1/4	6000	\$88.90	\$102.23	\$120.63	\$142.34	
1 1/2	9000	\$129.55	\$148.97	\$175.77	\$207.41	
2	10000	\$143.10	\$164.55	\$194.15	\$229.10	
3	12000	\$168.12	\$193.33	\$228.11	\$269.18	
4	14000	\$193.14	\$222.11	\$262.07	\$309.26	
6	16000	\$218.16	\$250.89	\$296.03	\$349.34	

Unmetered Water Users	Per Month			
Single family residence	\$60.28	\$69.32	\$81.80	\$96.52

Section 2

(1) Present rates and charges were adopted by the Town Council per Ordinance Number 05-08-2024-03. They became effective July 1, 2024.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council and the Utility Board on _____

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

Christopher J. Lutz, President

Joseph R. Cox

Eric C. Hayden

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ATTEST:

Rhonda Gary

Clerk-Treasurer