

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES**

Property owners, rate payers and other interested parties in, served by or to be served by the Town of Kouts are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 2017-2, establishing rates and charges for services to be rendered by the Kouts Municipal Water Utility, was introduced at a meeting of the Town Council held on June 19, 2017. At a meeting of the Town Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. (Kouts time) on July 17, 2017, at the Kouts Town Hall, 210 South Main Street, Kouts, Indiana 46347, there will be a public hearing on the matter of the rates and charges, and consideration of adoption of said Ordinance No. 2017-2 which provides in part as follows:

1. Water Rates. The Town Council does hereby adopt a new Section 64.02A and Section 64.02B to Chapter 64 of the Municipal Code for the Town as follows:

2. Section 64.02A. Rates Established. Rates and charges for the use of the water works utility shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected to the utility which shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determined as follows:

Minimum Charge per Month:

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following size of meter installed for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out in the above schedule of rates.

Metered Rates	Effective upon adoption	Effective June 1, 2018	Effective June 1, 2019
Consumption per Month		Rate per 1,000 Gallons	
First 3,000 gallons	\$5.85	\$7.14	\$8.44
Next 7,000 gallons	4.58	5.59	6.60
Next 20,000 gallons	3.32	4.05	4.79
Over 30,000 gallons	2.53	3.09	3.64
Meter Size Number of Gallons		Minimum Charge per Month	
5/8" - 3/4" 3,000	\$17.55	\$21.42	\$25.32
1" 6,344	32.87	40.11	47.39
1 1/2" 14,811	65.58	80.03	94.56
2" 34,128	126.45	154.31	182.35
3" 84,158	253.00	308.87	364.42
4" 150,872	421.82	515.04	607.29
6" 252,820	679.74	830.06	978.38
	Effective upon adoption	Effective June 1, 2018	Effective June 1, 2019
Fire Protection Services		Rate per Annum	
Municipal hydrants - per hydrant	\$1.93	\$2.36	\$2.78
Private hydrants - per hydrant	627.49	766.03	904.56
Sprinkler system connections:			
4"	421.38	514.41	607.45
6"	842.83	1,028.91	1,214.99
8"	1,451.51	1,771.97	2,092.44

**Municipal Drinking Fountain**

Per fountain \$1.93 \$2.36 \$2.78

**Temporary Users**

Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, circuses, etc., shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates hereinbefore set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Superintendent.

3. Section 64.02B. Collection. Such rates and charges shall be prepared, billed and collected by the Town in the manner provided by law and ordinance.

(a) The rates and charges for all users shall be prepared and billed monthly.

(b) The rates and charges may be billed to the tenant or tenants occupying the properties served, unless otherwise requested in writing by the owner, but such billing shall in no way relieve the owner from the liability in the event payment is not made as herein required. The owners or properties served, which are occupied by a tenant or tenants, shall have the right to examine the collection records of the Town for the purpose of determining whether bills have been paid by such tenant or tenants, provided that such examination shall be made at the office at which such records are kept and during the hours that such office is open for business.

(c) All rates and charges not paid by the 20th day of the month following receipt shall be subject to collection or deferred payment charges of ten percent (10%) of the first three dollars (\$3.00) and three percent (3%) of the excess over three dollars (\$3.00).

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance No.2017-2 may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated this 7 day of July, 2017.

Laurie Tribble  
Clerk-Treasurer  
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