

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

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in, served by, or to be served by the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, are hereby notified that Ordinance No. 28-2013 establishing rates and charges for services to be rendered by the Valparaiso Municipal Sewage Works was introduced at a meeting of the Common Council held on October 28, 2013. At a meeting of the Common Council to be held at 7:00 p.m. (Valparaiso time) on November 25, 2013, at the Valparaiso City Hall, Valparaiso, Indiana, there will be a public hearing on the matter of rates and charges, and consideration of adoption of said Ordinance No. 28-2013, which provides in part as follows:

### **RATES & CHARGES**

#### **Section 1.**

Customer/Class definitions are amended to include:

General Service Rates shall apply to customers not eligible for Large Service Rates.

Large Service Rates shall apply to customers with an average daily discharge of 350,000 gallons per day or higher.

#### **Section 2.**

Section 103.03 and subsections (a) (b) (c) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purposes of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be reached monthly and the users shall be billed each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined shall be as follows:

| <b><u>Base Rate</u></b>  | <b><u>Effective From<br/>January 1, 2014 Through<br/>June 30, 2014</u></b> | <b><u>Effective July 1, 2014<br/>Through<br/>December 31, 2015</u></b> | <b><u>Effective<br/>January 1, 2016</u></b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 5/8" meter               | \$ 16.60                                                                   | \$ 17.90                                                               | \$ 18.65                                    |
| 3/4" meter               | 16.60                                                                      | 17.90                                                                  | 18.65                                       |
| 1" meter                 | 38.40                                                                      | 41.50                                                                  | 43.15                                       |
| 1 1/4" – 1 1/2" meter    | 86.55                                                                      | 93.45                                                                  | 97.20                                       |
| 2" meter                 | 147.80                                                                     | 159.60                                                                 | 166.00                                      |
| 3" meter                 | 337.30                                                                     | 364.30                                                                 | 378.85                                      |
| 4" meter                 | 599.75                                                                     | 647.70                                                                 | 673.65                                      |
| 6" meter                 | 1,343.25                                                                   | 1,450.70                                                               | 1,508.75                                    |
| Flow rate per 100 cu.ft. | 3.88                                                                       | 4.19                                                                   | 4.36                                        |
| <b><u>VLACD</u></b>      |                                                                            |                                                                        |                                             |
| Rate per connection      | 23.65                                                                      | 25.55                                                                  | 26.55                                       |

- (b) For users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users or accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined by equivalent single-family dwelling units, except as herein provided. Sewage service bills shall be rendered once each month (or period equaling a month). This schedule on which said rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

| <b><u>Monthly Rate</u></b>      | <b><u>Effective From<br/>January 1, 2014 Through<br/>June 30, 2014</u></b> | <b><u>Effective July 1, 2014<br/>Through<br/>December 31, 2015</u></b> | <b><u>Effective<br/>January 1, 2016</u></b> |
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| Residential:                    |                                                                            |                                                                        |                                             |
| Single-Family<br>Residence/Unit | \$ 47.55                                                                   | \$ 51.35                                                               | \$ 53.40                                    |

103.03 RATE. For Large Service customers, the use of and the service rendered by the sewage works, rates and charges shall be collected from the owners of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that are connected with the City sanitary system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the City of Valparaiso. Such rates and charges include User Charges, debt service costs, excessive strength surcharges and other service charges, which rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

- (a) The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purposes of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be reached monthly and the users shall be billed each month (or period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined shall be as follows:

| <b><u>Base Rate</u></b>  | <b><u>Effective From<br/>January 1, 2014 Through<br/>June 30, 2014</u></b> | <b><u>Effective July 1, 2014<br/>Through<br/>December 31, 2015</u></b> | <b><u>Effective<br/>January 1, 2016</u></b> |
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| Flow rate per 100 cu.ft. | 2.06                                                                       | 2.06                                                                   | 2.06                                        |
| Flow rate per 1,000 gal. | 2.75                                                                       | 2.75                                                                   | 2.75                                        |

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance No. 28-2013 may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.