

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
SEWER RATES AND CHARGES
OF THE TOWN OF SILVER LAKE, INDIANA**

Property owners, ratepayers, and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the Sewage Works of the Town of Silver Lake, Indiana (the "Town") are hereby notified that at the May 8, 2024, meeting of the Town Council (the "Council"), the Council introduced proposed Ordinance No. 06-01-24 which increases the rates and charges for the Town's sewage works. The Council will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. local time in the Town Hall, 604 N. Jefferson St., Silver Lake, Indiana, 46982, in order to receive public input on such Ordinance and will consider adoption thereof at such time. For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact Ms. Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Silver Lake, at (260) 352-2120. The schedule of fees that will be discussed at the June 12, 2024, hearing are as follows:

Section 3.	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
	(1)	(2)	(3)
All Class I Users			
(1) Treatment rate per 1,000 gallons of usage per month	\$4.67	\$5.37	\$5.85
Plus:			
(2) Base Rate per month:			
Water Meter Size			
5/8"-3/4" meter	\$22.80	\$26.20	\$28.55
1" meter	63.95	73.55	80.15
1-1/4" meter	105.25	121.05	131.95
1-1/2" meter	154.70	177.90	193.90
2" meter	270.30	310.85	338.85
3" meter	627.85	722.05	787.05
4" meter	1,122.90	1,291.35	1,407.55
6" meter	2,525.65	2,904.50	3,165.90
8" meter	4,505.95	5,181.85	5,648.20

- (1) Phase I is effective with September 2024 billings.
- (2) Phase II is effective with September 2025 billings.
- (3) Phase III is effective with September 2026 billings.

A. 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). The schedule on which said rates and charges will be determined is as follows:

	Equivalency Factors	Phase I	User Charge	Phase II	Phase III
		(1)	(2)	(3)	
Residential:					
Single Family Dwelling Unit	1.00	\$46.15	\$53.05		\$57.80
Commercial:					
Barber or beauty shop:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Retail Establishments:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Gasoline Service Station:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Grain Elevator:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Laundromats, Washetarias/Washers	0.75	34.61	39.79		43.35
Motel, rooming houses, bed & breakfast & similar establishments:					
First rental room	1.50	69.23	79.58		86.70
Each additional rental room	0.50	23.08	26.53		28.90
Professional Offices:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Restaurants, drive-ins, bars & organizations with eating and/or drinking facilities:					
First 2 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Service Stations/Auto Repair:					
Without car wash:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
With car wash:					
Per car wash bay	2.50	115.38	132.63		144.50
Shop or Office in residence	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Telephone Company:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Veterinarian's Office:					
First 2 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.333	15.37	17.67		19.25
Recreation Areas:					
Campgrounds-per campsite	0.30	13.85	15.92		17.34
Plus: First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Institutions:					
School Per Pupil Enrolled (5-day school week)	0.10	4.62	5.31		5.78
Churches & other religious organizations without eating and/or drinking facilities:					
For each 200 members, or fraction thereof	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
For each member	0.10	4.62	5.31		5.78
Governmental:					
Community Center	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Offices:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Post office:					
First 3 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45
Fire Department/without sleeping quarters					
Each truck bay	2.50	115.38	132.63		144.50
Industrial:					
Manufacturing - unmetered:					
First 2 employees	1.00	46.15	53.05		57.80
Each additional employee	0.25	11.54	13.26		14.45

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Section 4.

In the event two (2) or more dwelling units such as mobile homes, apartments, or housekeeping rooms discharging sanitary sewage, water, or other liquids into the Town's sanitary sewage system, either directly or indirectly, are users of water, and the quantity of water is measured by a single water meter, then in such case, billing shall be for a single service in the manner set out elsewhere herein, except that the minimum bill shall be in the amount of \$22.80 per month in Phase I, \$26.20 per month in Phase II, and \$28.55 per month in Phase III per dwelling unit over one (1) served through the single water meter. In the case of mobile home courts, the number of dwelling units shall be computed and interpreted as the total number of mobile home spaces available for rent plus any other dwelling units served through a meter. A dwelling unit shall be interpreted as a room or rooms, or any other space or spaces in which cooking facilities are provided.

Section 5.

Normal sewage domestic waste strength should not exceed suspended solids in excess of 200 milligrams per liter of fluid, or biochemical oxygen demand in excess of 175 milligrams per liter of fluid. Additional charges for treating stronger-than-normal domestic waste shall be made on the following basis:

Phase I – Effective with September 2024 Billings

- 1) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.42 per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of 200 milligrams per liter of fluid.
- 2) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon BOD**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.52 per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of 175 milligrams per liter of fluid.

Phase II – Effective with September 2025 Billings

- 1) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.48 per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of 200 milligrams per liter of fluid.
- 2) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon BOD**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.60 per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of 175 milligrams per liter of fluid.

Phase III – Effective with September 2026 Billings

- 1) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon Suspended Solids**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.52 per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of 200 milligrams per liter of fluid.
- 2) **Rate Surcharge Based Upon BOD**
There shall be an additional charge of \$0.65 per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of 175 milligrams per liter of fluid.

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance No. 06-01-24 may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF SILVER LAKE
/s/, Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer