

TOWN OF MONROE,  
STATE OF INDIANA

ORDINANCE No.: 2022 - 2

SHORT TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM CONNECTION FEES  
FOR USERS OF THE MONROE WATER SERVICE

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-3, *et seq.* confers upon units of government within the State of Indiana such powers as necessary or desirable to conduct the affairs of local government;

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe is a municipality within the State of Indiana and Indiana Code §36-5-2-2 provides that the Town Board for the Town of Monroe (hereinafter referred to as the “Town Board”) is the legislative body for the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §36-5-2-9 provides that a legislative body may adopt ordinances and resolutions for the performance of the functions of the town;

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe owns, operates and maintains a water service that services the properties located within the corporate limits of the Town of Monroe and some properties located outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the costs and expenses for connecting to the Town of Monroe’s water facilities have increased and are anticipated to increase annually due to inflation and increasing labor rates in the local economy;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is responsible for establishing schedules for connection fees in order for new users to connect to the Town of Monroe’s water system, and sets the connection schedule as described herein;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The following definitions are applicable to this Ordinance and are not of universal meaning within the context of other Ordinances, unless specific reference to said term and definition is referenced therein.

- A. “*Connection Fees*” shall mean the monetary fees that are assessed and collected by the Town of Monroe to individuals and companies in order to connect their property to the Town of Monroe’s water pipes for purposes of receiving potable water to their residence or business.

- B. “*Connection Fee Schedule*” shall mean the annually adjusted Connection Fees set by the Town of Monroe for new water users to connect their home or business to the Town Water System.
- C. “*Large Water Service*” shall mean a connection from a residence or a business to the Town Water System that consists of a pipe or pipes that measures in excess of one (1) inch diameter pipe.
- D. “*Meter Fee*” shall mean the monetary fee assessed and collected by the Town of Monroe from users of the Town Water System in order to install and/or upgrade a water meter at a residence or business for purposes of monitoring water usage.
- E. “*New Connection*” shall mean any residence or business that connects to the Town Water System after the adoption of this Ordinance and that is subject to the Connection Fee.
- F. “*Small Water Service*” shall mean a connection from a residence or a business to the Town Water System that consists of one (1) inch diameter pipe, or less.
- G. “*Town Water System*” shall mean the system of pipes, pumps and other appurtenances operated by the Town of Monroe in order to convey and distribute potable water to residents of the Town of Monroe.
- H. “*Upgrade Connection*” shall mean any residence or business that desires to upgrade its connection to the Town Water System by a larger sized connection pipe and who is subject to the Connection Fee according to the Connection Fee Schedule.
- I. “*Water Meter*” shall mean a device that is installed by the Town of Monroe upon all users of the Town Water System for purposes of measuring, monitoring and pricing water usage. All water meters remain the property of the Town of Monroe.

SECTION 2. Connection Fee Schedule. The following Connection Fee Schedule shall be applicable from the effective date of this Ordinance and as updated from time to time:

- A. *Small Water Service Connection Fee.* The Town of Monroe shall assess and collect a minimum one (1) time Connection Fees in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00) for all New Connections, including specifically Small Water Service connections, to the Town Water System that shall be made after the date of this Ordinance.
- B. *Large Water Service Connection Fee.* The Town of Monroe shall assess and collect Connection Fees on a time, labor and material basis for each New Connection, including specifically Large Water Service connections, to the Town Water System that shall be made after the date of this Ordinance.
- C. *Annual Increases.* The Town of Monroe shall review the Connection Fee Schedule on an annual basis to determine whether rising costs of New Connections need to be reflected in the Connection Fees.

SECTION 3. Water Meter. It shall be mandatory for all users of the Town Water System to have a Water Meter installed for each New Connection upon their property and connected in such a manner so as to permit personnel for the Town of Monroe to read and review water usage from the exterior of a residence or business using the Town Water System

SECTION 4. Water Meter Fee. The Town of Monroe shall assess and collect a minimum one (1) time fee in the amount of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) for each Water Meter installed and/or Upgrade Connection after the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

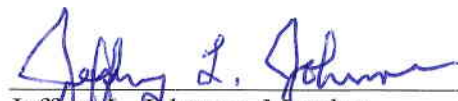
SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of its adoption by the Town Board for the Town of Monroe, Adams County, State of Indiana.

Duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Monroe, County of Adams County, State of Indiana, at its regular monthly meeting on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022, with the following vote of 2 Yeas and 0 Nays.

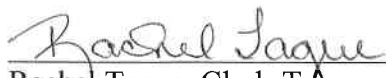
**Town Council for the Town of Monroe,  
County of Adams, State of Indiana**

  
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Jeffrey L. Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

  
Rachel Tague, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Monroe, County of Adams, State  
of Indiana