

GENERAL ORDINANCE #2 , 2020

General Ordinance # 2, 2020, is an Ordinance that amends Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove pursuant to fees charged to Beech Grove Sewage Works Customers for the treatment of wastewater.

WHEREAS, the City of Beech Grove operates and maintains a wastewater collection system that delivers wastewater to Citizens Energy Group; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beech Grove's Sanitary Sewer System consist of 40 miles of pipe and a collection system which includes over 500 manholes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety has entered into an agreement with Citizens Energy Group through 2025 for the treatment of wastewater generated by Beech Grove Sewage Works customers.

WHEREAS, the cost to treat wastewater continues to rise and rates must be adjusted to offset the rising cost of wastewater treatment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AFFIRMED that the Common Council for the City of Beech Grove desires to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove concerning fees for the treatment of wastewater.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED that the Common Council desires the following amendments be inserted in Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove.

DELETE CHAPTER 50.031 AND CHAPTER 50.032 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

50.031 CALCULATION OF SEWER USE CHARGE.

(A) Citizens Energy Group and the City of Beech Grove's Board of Public Works and Safety have entered into an agreement for the treatment of wastewater generated by customers of the Beech Grove Sewage Works Utility. Such agreement was approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and the set rates for the treatment of wastewater based on (per 1,000 gallons) of wastewater are listed below:

Effective January 1, 2019	\$0.75
Effective January 1, 2020	\$1.17
Effective January 1, 2021	\$1.41
Effective January 1, 2022	\$1.70
Effective January 1, 2023	\$2.02
Effective January 1, 2024	\$2.25

The Common Council shall adjust the fees charged to customers of the Beech Grove Sewage Works Utility for the treatment of wastewater as approved by the IURC. Such fees shall also be adjusted as often as necessary to provide for and maintain the Sewage Works Utility.

(B) For the use of the services rendered by the sewage works, rates, and charges shall be collected from the owners and / or residents and tenants of each and every lot, parcel or real estate, dwelling unit or building that is connected to the city’s sanitary sewer system or otherwise discharges sewage, industrial waste, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewer system of the City of Beech Grove. Such rates and charges include operation and maintenance. User charges, debt service cost, 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:

(C) For all user classes except residential users the charges to treat wastewater shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property premises subject to rates and charges, as the same measured by the water meter there in use, except as herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read in accordance with the operating practice of Citizens Energy Group or other water suppliers, as the case may be. All users shall be billed monthly (or a period equaling a month). The water usage schedule on which the amount of said rates and charges shall be determined as follows:

Residential Users (Flat Rate) / Apartments

Effective February 24, 2020	\$32.66
Effective January 1, 2021	\$37.00

(D) In order to recover the cost of monitoring commercial, institutional and industrial wastes, the District shall charge the user the actual cost of sampling and analysis.

(Ord. 13-1979, passed 12-17-79; Am. Ord. 4-1980, passed 4-21-80; Am. Ord. 11-1985, passed 12-16-85; Am Ord. 6-1992, passed 12-21-92; Am. Ord. 4A-2004, passed 8-17-04; Am. Ord. 1, 2013 passed 2-4-13; Am. Ord. #, 2017, passed 8-7-17, Am. Ord.#2, 2020, passed 2-28-20).

50.032 MINIMUM CHARGE; BASE LEVEL; BASIS OF RATES.

(A) The minimum charge on any monthly billing for a non-residential / apartment user shall be as follows:

		2/24/2020	1/1/2021		
Non-Residential Minimums:					
	< 1 inch	\$37.74	\$45.62		
	1 inch	\$44.43	\$54.03		
	1 1/4 inch	\$82.47	\$101.86		
	1 1/2 inch	\$111.03	\$137.79		
	2 inch	\$168.18	\$209.57		
	3 inch	\$282.44	\$353.19		
	4 inch	\$518.45	\$612.19		
	6 inch	\$930.19	\$1,020.19		
	Flow Rate	\$3.99	\$4.06		

(B) All users rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or delivered to the property or premises subject to such rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meters in use and the strength of the waste where applicable, except hereinafter provided.

(C) In addition to all other charges for treatment of wastewater to an individual user, there is imposed a service charge of \$7.10 per month for all other users. The minimum charge is set out in Chapter 50.032 divisions (A) and (B) above shall include such service charge.

(Ord. 13-1979, passed 12-17-79' Am. Ord. 11-1985, passed 12-16-85; Am. Ord. 6-1992, passed 12-21-92; Am. Ord. 4A-2004, passed 9-17-04; Am. Ord. 2, 2013, passed 2-4-13; Am. Ord. 3, 2017, passed 8-7-17, Am. Ord. 2-2020, passed 2-18-2020)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AFFIRMED that the Common Council desires to amend the fees charged to customers of the Beech Grove Sewage Works Utility for the treatment of Wastewater.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED that this Ordinance only applies to the adjustment of wastewater fees passed on to the customers of the Beech Grove Sewage Works Utility and no other fees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER AFFIRMED that this Ordinance shall go into effect pursuant to the first billing cycle beginning after February 24, 2020 and after passage by the Common Council, attested by the Clerk Treasurer and signed by the Mayor.