

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATES AND CHARGES
OF THE CITY OF BERNE, INDIANA**

Property owners, ratepayers, and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the Water Utility of the City of Berne, Indiana (the "City") are hereby notified that at the October 25, 2021 meeting of the City Council (the "Council"), the Council introduced proposed Ordinance No.745 which increases the rates and charges for the City's water utility. The Council will hold a public hearing on November 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. local time in the City Hall, 158 West Franklin Street, Berne, Indiana, 46711, 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. Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Berne, at (260) 589-8526. The schedule of fees which are more fully set forth in the Ordinance and will be discussed at the November 8, 2021 hearing are as follows:

Section I.

Section 53.02 Metered Rates.

	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>		
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2024</u>
First 2,000 gallons	\$7.00	\$7.21	\$7.43
Next 8,000 gallons	5.60	5.77	5.94
Next 30,000 gallons	4.85	5.00	5.15
Next 60,000 gallons	4.25	4.38	4.51
Next 100,000 gallons	3.65	3.76	3.87
Next 300,000 gallons	3.04	3.13	3.22
Over 500,000 gallons	2.43	2.50	2.58

Section 53.03 Minimum Monthly Charge.

	<u>Rate per Month</u>		
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2024</u>
5/8"	\$14.00	\$14.42	\$14.86
3/4"	16.78	17.28	17.81
1"	24.30	25.04	25.79
1-1/4"	36.46	37.56	38.68
1-1/2"	45.58	46.96	48.36
2"	75.94	78.26	80.59
3"	166.98	172.11	177.26
4"	273.25	281.64	290.05
6"	576.91	594.54	612.18

Section 53.04 Multiple Users.

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
	<u>Effective 1/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2024</u>
For each customer over one on a single meter	\$7.00	\$7.21	\$7.43

Section 53.06 Fire Hydrants.

	<u>Rate per Annum</u>		
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
<u>Per Hydrant</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2024</u>
Municipal hydrants	\$452.00	\$466.00	\$480.00
Private hydrants	452.00	466.00	480.00

Section 53.07 Automatic Sprinklers.

	<u>Rate per Year</u>		
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
<u>Fire Line</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2024</u>
2" connection	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00
3" connection	73.00	75.00	77.00
4" connection	129.00	133.00	137.00
6" connection	452.00	466.00	480.00
8" connection	516.00	531.00	547.00
10" connection	807.00	831.00	856.00
12" connection	1,162.00	1,197.00	1,233.00

Section 53.08 Connection Charge.

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
	<u>Effective 1/1/2022</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Effective 1/1/2024</u>
<u>Tap Size</u>			
3/4" tap	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
1" tap	850.00	850.00	850.00
Larger than 1" tap	Actual cost of labor, material and equipment, but not less than 850.00	Actual cost of labor, material and equipment, but not less than 850.00	Actual cost of labor, material and equipment, but not less than 850.00

At the November 8, 2021 meeting of the Council and prior to final adoption of Ordinance No.745, any property owners, ratepayers, or anyone else interested in the proceedings may appear and be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The hearing may be adjourned if necessary. A complete copy of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the City Hall, 158 West Franklin Street, Berne, Indiana, 46711.

Dated this 25 day of October 2021

CITY OF BERNE, INDIANA

/s/Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer