

PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing for all comments, remonstrances and objections of interested persons will be heard by the Common Council of City of Berne, Indiana, on March 25, 2024, at 6:40 P.M., in the Council Room, City Hall, 158 West Franklin Street, Berne, Indiana, upon Ordinance No. 771, introduced by the Common Council on March 11, 2024, amending the charges to be collected from the owners of the property served by the City of Berne Municipal Sewage Utility and the billing and adjustments to billing thereof. The Ordinance No. 771 provides the following charges:

(1) Treatment rate per 1,000 gallons of usage per month.

Monthly Charge

Gallons	User Charge
First 2,000	\$6.58
Over 2,000	\$11.31

(2) Base rate per month.

Water Meter	User Charge
5/8 inch	\$15.81
3/4 inch	\$19.44
1 inch	\$30.19
1-1/4 inch	\$42.25
1-1/2 inch	\$59.13
2 inch	\$96.50
3 inch	\$212.19
4 inch	\$371.38
6 inch	\$819.56

(3) Town of Monroe.

Monthly Charge

Gallons	User Charge
Per 1,000 gallons	\$1.4888*

Debt Service Charge: \$5,121.00

* Rate is subject to recalculation each May 1 per agreement with Town of Monroe.

(4) Linn Grove Service Area.

Monthly Charge

Gallons	User Charge
Per 1,000 gallons	\$1.4888*

* Rate is subject to recalculation each May 1 per agreement with Adams County.

(B) For residential users of the sewage works that are unmetered water users, or if accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be determined by equivalent single-family dwelling units, except as herein provided.

Monthly Rate

	User Charge	Debt Service	Total
Residential:	\$59.69	\$13.50	\$73.19
Single-Family dwelling unit			

Section 52.04(D) is amended as follows:

(D) In the event two or more dwelling units discharging sanitary sewage, water, or other liquids into the city's sanitary sewage system 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 an additional units charge shall be added thereto, in the amount of \$14.06 per month per dwelling unit over one served through the single water meter.

Section 52.05 Basis Upon Wastewater Consumption.

(A) Normal sewage domestic waste strength should not exceed a biochemical oxygen demand of 200 mg/l of fluid, suspended solids in excess of 200 mg/l of fluid, or phosphorus in excess of 15 mg/l of fluid. Additional charges for treating stronger-than-normal domestic waste shall be made on the following basis.

(1) *Rate surcharge based upon suspended solids.* There shall be an additional charge of \$0.28 per pound of suspended solids for suspended solids received in excess of 200 mg/l of fluid.

(2) *Rate surcharge based upon BOD.* There shall be an additional charge of \$0.21 per pound of biochemical oxygen demand for BOD received in excess of 200 mg/l of fluid.

(3) *Rate surcharge based upon phosphorus.* There shall be an additional charge of \$3.78 per pound of phosphorus received in excess of 15 mg/l of fluid.

After considering the comments, remonstrances and objections of interested persons, the Common Council of the City of Berne shall take final action determining whether to adopt said Ordinance No. 771.

Dated March 12, 2024.

Gregg A. Sprunger, Mayor
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:
Kalla J. Caffee
CLERK-TREASURER