

NOTICE OF A HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the sewage works of the Town of Ellettsville, Indiana ("Town") are hereby notified that an ordinance amending rates and charges for the sewage works of the Town ("Ordinance"), was introduced at a meeting of the Town Council held on October 14, 2024. At a meeting of the Town Council to be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 28, 2024, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1150 West Guy McCown Drive, Ellettsville, Indiana, there will be a public hearing on the matter of the rates and charges and consideration of adoption of the Ordinance which provides as follows:

APPENDIX A: SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY RATES

The following are the monthly rates and charges until thereafter amended:

(A) *Metered water users.* The sewage rates and charges shall be based on the quantity of water used on or in the property or premises subject to these rates and charges, as the same is measured by the water meter there in use, plus a base charge based on the size of the water meter installed, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read monthly (or period equaling a month). Phase I charges shall go into effect as of the date the Ordinance is adopted. Phase II charges shall go into effect January 1, 2026. The water usage schedule on which the amount of the rates and charges shall be determined is as follows:

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

Monthly Treatment Rate Flow Charge Per 1,000 Gallons		
<u>User</u>	<u>User Charge</u>	
	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>
Ellettsville customers	\$5.70	\$6.85
Eastern Richland Sewer Corporation	4.85	4.85

(2) *Base rate, per month, for Ellettsville customers.*

Monthly Treatment Rate			
Ellettsville customers, metered users	Present User Charge	Proposed User Charge	
		Phase I	Phase II
Five-eighths to three-fourths inch meter	\$21.05	\$26.20	\$31.35
One-inch meter	47.55	60.70	73.85
One and one-fourth inch meter	74.05	95.15	116.30
One and one-half inch meter	105.85	136.55	167.30
Two-inch meter	180.00	233.10	286.25
Three-inch meter	409.60	532.00	654.40
Four-inch meter	709.80	922.80	1,135.85
Six-inch meter	1,610.45	2,095.30	2,580.15

(B) *Unmetered water users.* For users of the sewage works that are unmetered or for whom accurate meter readings are not available, the monthly charge shall be \$55.84 during Phase I and will increase to \$66.97 per month during Phase II for a residential single-family dwelling. Non-residential unmetered users shall be charged a rate based upon estimated monthly usage to be determined by town officials on an individual basis.

(C) *Billing, Collection, and Postage Charge.*

	<u>Phase I</u>	<u>Phase II</u>
Eastern Richland Sewer Corporation	\$2.46	\$2.46

Section 2. The following is amended and restated Section 52.114 of the Ellettsville Town Code regarding excessive strength surcharges.

§ 52.114 EXCESSIVE STRENGTH SURCHARGE

(A) In order that the rates and charges may reflect the costs of providing services rendered to users, the town shall base its charges not only on the volume, but also on the strength and character of the stronger-than-normal domestic sewage and wastes which it is required to treat and dispose. The town shall require the user to determine the strength and content of all sewage and wastes discharged, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewerage system, in the manner and by that method as the town may deem practicable in order to determine the proper charge. The user shall furnish a central sampling point available to the town at all times.

(B) Normal domestic sewage and waste strength should not contain BOD in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid, S.S. in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid, NH₃N in excess of 25 milligrams per liter of fluid, or Phosphorus in excess of 8 milligrams per liter of fluid. The excessive strength surcharge shall be made on the following basis:

- (1) *Rate of surcharge based upon BOD.* There shall be an additional charge of \$0.45 during Phase I, increased to \$0.50 during Phase II per pound of BOD for BOD received in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid;
- (2) *Rate of surcharge based upon S.S.* There shall be an additional charge of \$0.15 during Phase I, increased to \$0.17 during Phase II per pound of S.S. for S.S. received in excess of 250 milligrams per liter of fluid;
- (3) *Rate of surcharge based upon NH₃N.* There shall be an additional charge of \$1.45 during Phase I, increased to \$1.66 during Phase II per pound of ammonia for NH₃N received in excess of 25 milligrams per liter of fluid; and
- (4) *Rate of surcharge based upon Phosphorus.* There shall be an additional charge of \$4.55 during Phase I, increased to \$5.19 during Phase II per pound of Phosphorus received in excess of 8 milligrams per liter.

(C) The determination of S.S., BOD, NH₃N and Phosphorus contained in the waste shall be in accordance with the latest copy of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water,

Sewage, and Industrial Wastes, as written by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation, and in conformance with Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants, published in the Federal Register on October 16, 1973 (40 C.F.R. 136.1 *et seq.*).

Section 3. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION (MONTHLY) OF EASTERN RICHLAND SEWER CORPORATION:

\$10,000 for Phase I and Phase II.

Users of the sewage works located outside the corporate boundaries of the Town may be entitled to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission under Ind. Code §8-1.5-3-8.3 to review and adjust the rates and charges imposed on the users if a petition under Ind. Code §8-1.5-3-8.2 is not filed.

Please note that there is no surcharge applicable to users outside the corporate boundaries of the Town. Therefore, the rates and charges are not subject to review by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission under Ind. Code § 8-1.5-3-8.3.

At such hearing and prior to final adoption of said ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of the Ordinance may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, 1150 West Guy McCown Drive, Ellettsville, Indiana.

Dated October 18, 2024.

/s/ Noelle Conyer, Town of Ellettsville,
Clerk-Treasurer

[NOTE: **MAIL** to customers outside the corporate boundaries of the Town and **post** on Town website on or before October 18, 2024.]