

TOWN OF MONROE,
STATE OF INDIANA

ORDINANCE No.: 2022 - 3

**SHORT TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM CONNECTION
FEES FOR USERS OF THE MONROE SANITARY SEWER
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 sanitary sewer 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 sanitary sewer 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 sanitary sewer 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 sanitary sewer lines for purposes of disposing of and treating sanitary waste generated by their residence or business.

- B. "*Connection Fee Schedule*" shall mean the annually adjusted Connection Fees set by the Town of Monroe for new sanitary sewer users to connect their home or business to the Town of Monroe sanitary sewer system.
- C. "*Large Sewer Service*" shall mean a connection from a residence or a business to the Town of Monroe sanitary sewer system that consists of a pipe or pipes that measures in excess of four (4) inch diameter pipe.
- D. "*Meter Fee*" shall mean the monetary fee assessed and collected by the Town of Monroe from users of the Town of Monroe sanitary sewer system in order to install and/or upgrade a water meter at a residence or business for purposes of monitoring water/sewer usage.
- E. "*New Connection*" shall mean any residence or business that connects to the Town of Monroe sanitary sewer system after the adoption of this Ordinance and that is subject to the Connection Fee.
- F. "*Small Sewer Service*" shall mean a connection from a residence or a business to the Town of Monroe sanitary sewer system that consists of one (4) inch diameter pipe, the minimum size of sewer connection allowed by the Town.
- G. "*Town of Monroe Sanitary Sewer System*" shall mean the system of pipes, pumps and other appurtenances operated by the Town of Monroe in order to dispose and treat sanitary waste generated by residents and businesses within the Town of Monroe or whose property is connected to the Town's treatment facilities.
- H. "*Upgrade Connection*" shall mean any residence or business that desires to upgrade its connection to the Town of Monroe sanitary sewer 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 devise that is installed by the Town of Monroe upon all users of the Town Water System for purposes of measuring, monitoring and pricing water/sewer 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. *Sewer Service Connection Fee.* The Town of Monroe shall assess and collect a one (1) time minimum 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 Sanitary Sewer System that shall be made after the date of this Ordinance.
- B. *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. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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 Board of the Town of Monroe, Adams County, Indiana, on this
1st day of September, 2022.

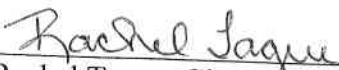

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