

ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST CITY WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF TIPTON EAST (CITY) WATER SERVICE AREA

- WHEREAS,** The Common Council of the City of Tipton, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8, last adopted revisions to the City Water rates and charges utilized by Tipton Municipal Utilities (TMU) for City water customers on January 11, 2021, via Ordinance 2020-17; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tipton Utility Service Board (TUSB) and TMU initiated a financial review by Krohn & Associates to evaluate the financial requirements to operate, maintain and invest in the existing East (City) water plant and water distribution systems, and it has been recommended that reasonable and just rate adjustments be made to meet those operation and maintenance needs as well as to provide for future planned investments in the City water systems and infrastructure ; and
- WHEREAS,** The TUSB has the fiduciary responsibility to make recommendations to the Tipton Common Council and the Tipton City Mayor relative to adoption of revised Water rates and charges; and
- WHEREAS,** The TUSB did unanimously pass TUSB Resolution 2026-03 recommending the Common Council consider and approve the adoption of revised and recommended water rates and charges per the attached Exhibit A; and
- WHEREAS,** Upon the conclusion, due diligence and thoughtful review by this Council of the information provided by TMU and the TUSB; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tipton Common Council of the City of Tipton now finds that the TUSB Board Resolution 2026-03 and the TUSB recommendation to Tipton Common Council to adjust City water rates and charges is well-founded and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIPTON, INDIANA THAT THE CITY WATER RATES AND CHARGES ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A TO THIS ORDINANCE BE APPROVED AS PROPOSED BY THE TIPTON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD. THE NEWLY ADOPTED RATES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.

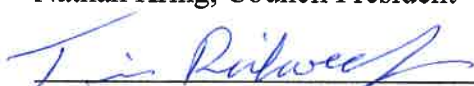
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage by the Common Council of the City of Tipton and its publications as provided by law.

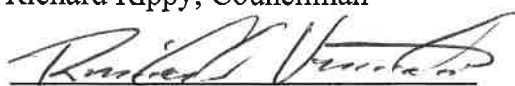
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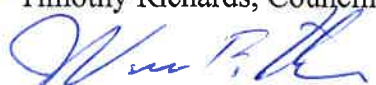
Passed and adopted this 27 day of July, 2026 on second and final reading by the City of Tipton Common Council, Tipton, Indiana.

Nathan Kring, Council President

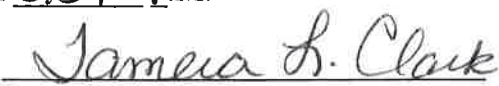
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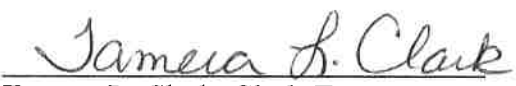
Presented by me, Tamera L. Clark to the Mayor of the City of Tipton, on the 27 day of July, 2026 at the hour of 5:54 P.M.


Tamera L. Clark, Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance is hereby APPROVED by me, Kegan Schmicker, on the 27 day of July, 2026 at the hour of 5:54 P.M.


Kegan Schmicker, Mayor

Attest:


Tamera L. Clark, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by James E. Ankrum, Tipton Municipal Utilities General Manager

TIPTON MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES - EAST PLANT

		Phase 1		Phase 2	
		Effective Date: 9/1/2026		Effective Date: 1/1/2028	
<u>MONTHLY METERED RATES (PER 100 CU. FT.):</u>					
		<u>GALLONS</u>			
FIRST	300 CU. FT.	2,244	\$	4.596	\$ 5.141
NEXT	1,300 CU. FT.	9,725		4.028	4.506
NEXT	6,400 CU. FT.	47,875		3.444	3.852
NEXT	12,000 CU. FT.	89,766		2.523	2.822
NEXT	30,000 CU. FT.	224,415		2.073	2.319
NEXT	50,000 CU. FT.	374,025		1.725	1.929
OVER	100,000 CU. FT.	748,050		1.372	1.535
<u>MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGES:</u>					
<u>METER SIZE:</u>	<u>CU. FT.</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>			
5/8 INCH METER	302	2,259	\$	13.87	\$ 15.51
3/4 INCH METER	597	4,466		25.75	28.81
1 INCH METER	1,384	10,353		57.45	64.27
1 1/2 INCH METER	3,006	22,486		114.57	128.16
2 INCH METER	7,998	59,829		286.50	320.45
3 INCH METER	19,346	144,718		572.83	640.71
4 INCH METER	46,824	350,267		1,145.39	1,281.22
6 INCH METER	99,272	742,604		2,061.17	2,305.33
<u>FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES:</u>					
PRIVATE HYDRANTS (PER ANNUM):			\$	911.44	\$ 1,019.55
PUBLIC HYDRANTS (PER MONTH):					
<u>METER SIZE:</u>					
5/8 INCH METER			\$	4.16	\$ 4.66
3/4 INCH METER				5.96	6.67
1 INCH METER				10.36	11.59
1 1/2 INCH METER				24.04	26.89
2 INCH METER				41.46	46.37
3 INCH METER				95.34	106.65
4 INCH METER				165.80	185.46
6 INCH METER				377.25	421.99
AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS (PER CONNECTION, PER ANNUM):					
<u>METER SIZE:</u>					
3 INCH METER			\$	132.57	\$ 148.30
4 INCH METER				207.23	231.81
6 INCH METER				455.72	509.77
8 INCH METER				1,035.65	1,158.49
ANNUAL WATER ACCESS FEE, PER TOWNSHIP:			\$	3,311.16	\$ 3,703.91
<u>SURCHARGES:</u>					
RURAL CUSTOMERS, PER CUSTOMER			\$	9.54	\$ 10.67
DOVERVIEW SUBDIVISION, PER CUSTOMER			\$	8.29	\$ 9.27
<u>CONNECTION FEES:</u>					
<u>METER SIZE:</u>					
5/8 - 3/4 INCH METER			\$	1,300.00	
1 INCH METER				1,600.00	
GREATER THAN 1 INCH METER				\$1,600.00 OR ACTUAL COST, WHICHEVER IS GREATER	
<u>AVAILABILITY FEES (PER CONNECTION):</u>					
<u>METER SIZE:</u>					
5/8 INCH METER			\$	1,350.00	
3/4 INCH METER				1,350.00	
1 INCH METER				3,375.00	
1 1/2 INCH METER				6,750.00	
2 INCH METER				10,800.00	
3 INCH METER				20,250.00	
4 INCH METER				33,750.00	
6 INCH METER				67,500.00	
8 INCH METER				108,000.00	
10 INCH METER				155,250.00	
<u>RECONNECTION FEES:</u>			\$	20.00	
<u>BAD CHECK CHARGE:</u>			\$	35.00	
<u>LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES:</u>			10% OF THE FIRST \$3.00, PLUS 3% OF THE EXCESS OVER \$3.00		