## NOTICE OF PULBIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of Lowell, Lake County, Indiana, gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the Town Hall, 501 E. Main Street, Lowell, Indiana, 46356, to consider Ordinance No. 2025-10 to amend WASTEWATER USER FEES AND RELATED MATTERS CONTAINED IN TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS, CHAPTER 51: SEWERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, INDIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES. The proposed amendments include but are not limited to:

**Section 4**. <u>Amendment of Non-Metered Charges</u>. Section 51.075, Paragraph (C)(3), *Non-Metered Charges*, is hereby deleted in his entirety and replaced with the following:

- (3) Non-metered charges.
- (a) The minimum charge for sewage service for users within the corporate limits of the town where the user is not a metered water customer shall be based on the size of the water connection, but in no event shall the charge for sewage services be less than \$67.00 per month where the user is not a metered water customer.
- (b) The minimum charge for sewage service for users located outside the corporate limits of the town shall be \$100.50 per month.

Section 5. Amendment of Allowance for Water not Entering Sewage System and other Special Situations. Section 51.076, entitled Allowance for Water not Entering Sewage System and Other Special Situations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The quantity of water obtained from sources and discharged into the public sanitary sew system may be determined by the town in such manner as the town elects, and the sewage treatment service may be billed at the appropriate rates as set out in §51.075.

(A) In the event a lot, parcel of real estate or building, none of which are being used for residential or domestic purposes, is discharging sanitary sewage, industrial waste, water or other liquids into the town's sanitary sewage system, either directly or indirectly, and the water used thereon or therein is not measured by a water meter, then the owner or other user, at his own expense, shall install and maintain meters or any adequate and approved method of measurement acceptable to the town for the determination of the sewage discharge, and the rates and charges provided in this chapter shall be applicable thereto.

**Section 6**. <u>Amendment of Billing Procedures; Due Date</u>. Section 51.078, entitled Billing Procedures; Due Date, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§51.078 BILLING PROCEDURES; DUE DATE.

All bills shall be payable within 15 days of the billing date as stated in the bill and any bill not so paid shall be promptly collected and enforced in the manner and subject to the penalties provided in IC 36-9-23-25, 36-9-23-26, 36-9-23-28 and 36-9-23-34 and all amendments and supplements thereto.

**Section 7**. Amendment of Deposit. Section 51.083, entitled *Deposit*, is hereby amended and replaced with the following:

(A) A deposit in the amount based upon the meter size shall be required of each user of the town's sanitary sewer system.

METER SIZE		Deposit
5/8 & 3/4	Inch meter	\$67.00
1	Inch meter	\$167.50
1 1/4	Inch meter	\$268.00
1 ½	Inch meter	\$335.00
2	Inch meter	\$536.00
3	Inch meter	\$1,005.00
4	Inch meter	\$1,675.50
6	Inch meter	\$3,350.00

- (B) Deposit for Non-metered users and customers:
- (1) A deposit for sewage service for users within the corporate limits of the town where the user is not a metered water customer shall be based on the size of the water connection but in no event shall the deposit for sewage service be less than \$67.00 where the user is not a metered water customer.
- (2) A deposit for sewage service for users located outside the corporate limits of the town shall be \$100.50.
- **Section 8**. <u>Amendment of Estimation of Charge</u>. Section 51.084, entitled *Estimation of Charge*, is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- **Section 9**. <u>Amendment of Summer Sprinkling Rate</u>. Section 51.085, entitled *Summer Sprinkling Rate*, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

A copy of the proposal, in the form of Ordinance No. 2025-10 is on file for examination before the hearing in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, Town Hall, 501 E. Main Street, Lowell, Indiana, 46356 or may be seen at <a href="www.lowell.net">www.lowell.net</a>. Written suggestions and/or objections to the proposed Ordinances may be filed with the Clerk-Treasurer at any time prior to the public hearing and/or verbal statements relating to the proposed Ordinance may be heard at the time and place set above.

Todd Angerman, President Lowell Town Council