

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SEWAGE WORKS UTILITY BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MONTHLY STORM WATER USER FEE

WHEREAS, the St. Paul Sewer Works (“Sewer Works”), in St. Paul, Indiana (“Town”) operates a sewage works utility for the benefit of the ratepayers within the Town and in the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, various ordinances have been adopted from time to time regarding policies and procedures for the sewer works and the establishment of sewer rates, fees and charges;

WHEREAS, the costs of collecting and managing storm water are not presently being recovered from the properties generating that storm water runoff and/or the properties served by that system; and

WHEREAS, the Town has, the Town has determined that a storm water user fee should be enacted to pay for the costs of collecting and managing its storm water, including compliance with State and County laws, rules and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Town has elected to establish two classes of storm water fees; residential and non-residential; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to enact a storm water user fee for the costs of collecting and managing its storm water pursuant to IC 36-9-23-25, which authorizes the Town Council to enact such a fee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that a storm water user fee should be enacted to pay for the costs of collecting and managing storm water pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-9-23, which storm water user fee should be charged, collected and administered pursuant to Town guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that due notice and the appropriate public hearing have been given and conducted in accordance with IC 36-9-23;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of St. Paul, Indiana, as follows:

1. There is hereby established a monthly storm water utility fee to be charged to all owners of real estate within the Town of St. Paul for the use of and services provided by the storm water utility of the Town.
2. For residential real estate, the storm water fee shall be a flat residential customer charge of \$5.00 per month per residence.
3. For non-residential real estate, the storm water fee shall be a flat non-residential customer charge of \$10.00 per month per non-residential parcel.
4. If the monthly storm water utility fee is not paid by the due date stated on the bill, a late charge of 10% will be assessed, together with any and all costs of

collection, if any, including reasonable attorney’s fees and costs of collection. Delinquent charges for storm water services, as well as applied penalties, recording fees and service charges, constitute a lien upon the property and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of IC 36-9-25-11.

- 5. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.
- 6. The monthly storm water user fee as herein set forth shall become effective on and payable for the billing month of July 2026.
- 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any publication as required by law.

All other provisions of the Town’s sewer system and its sewer ordinances not amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of St. Paul, Indiana, on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. PAUL,
INDIANA

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer