LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT FIRST AMENDMENT TO WATER RATE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

(ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAVEL PLAZAS)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER RATE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 (the "Ordinance"), AND ESTABLISHING AN AMENDED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT (as defined in the Ordinance) FROM OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED OR TO BE SERVED BY THE DISTRICT IN THE SERVICE AREA OF THE DISTRICT COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAVEL PLAZAS ("FIRST AMENDMENT").

WHEREAS, the District is duly constituted to provide water service inside and outside the District, pursuant to IND. CODE §13-26 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore authorized the maintenance and operation of Waterworks (as defined in the Ordinance) to provide water service under the provisions of IND. CODE §13-26 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore authorized the acquisition of Waterworks to provide water service under the provisions of IND. CODE §13-26 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized, pursuant to IND. CODE §13-26 et seq., to fix, alter, charge, and collect reasonable rates and other charges in the area served by its Waterworks to every Person (as defined in the Ordinance) whose premises are, whether directly or indirectly, provided with water service by the Waterworks (or such Waterworks are available) for the purpose of providing for payment of the expenses of the District; the construction, acquisition, improvement, extension, repair, maintenance, and operation of its Waterworks and properties; the payment of principal and interest on its obligations; and to fulfill the terms of agreements made with the purchasers or holders of any obligations or with a Person or eligible entity; and

WHEREAS, the Board (as defined in the Ordinance), pursuant to IND. CODE §13-26-11-8, shall, by ordinance, establish just and equitable rates or charges for the use of and service rendered by the Waterworks, payable by the owner of each lot, parcel of land, or building that is connected with and uses the Waterworks, that is required to be connected and that is to use the Waterworks or that in any way uses or is served by the Waterworks or the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IND. Code §13-26-11-9, just and equitable rates are considered to be those rates that provide sufficient revenue to pay all expenses incident to the operation of the Waterworks to include maintenance cost, operating charges, upkeep, repairs, and interest charges on bonds or other obligations; provide the sinking fund for the liquidation of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness and reserves against default in the payment of interest and principal of bonds; and provide adequate funds to be used as working capital, as well as funds for making improvements, additions, extensions, and replacements; and

WHEREAS, IND. CODE \$13-26 et seq. requires that the rates and charges to be collected for the use of and the service rendered by such Waterworks to be fixed by ordinance, finally adopted after due notice and public hearing, and authorizes the collection of rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously adopted Ordinance No. 2018-01 establishing the schedule of rates and charges to be collected by the District from owners of property served or to be served by the District's Waterworks in the service area of the District commonly known as the Rolling Prairie Travel Plazas.

WHEREAS, the Board now finds it is necessary to amend Ordinance No. 2018-01, to update the District's rates and charges to be collected by the District from owners of property served or to be served by the District's Waterworks in the service area commonly known as the Rolling Prairie Travel Plazas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1. The current "EXHIBIT A, LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, WATER RATES FOR ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAVEL PLAZA" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with "FIRST AMENDED EXHIBIT A, LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, WATER RATES FOR ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAVEL PLAZAS", attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. This First Amendment shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana, and this First Amendment, along with the rates and charges as herein set forth, shall become effective on the first full billing period occurring after the final adoption, in accordance with The Code as amended.

Section 3. In addition to the authority granted hereunder, the Board and District may exercise any rights permitted under The Code.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon promulgation according to law and Ordinance No. 2018-01 shall thereafter be amended by this First Amendment.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, ON THE 26th DAY OF AUgust 2025.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT

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Attest:

Jerry Jackson, Secretary

FIRST AMENDED EXHIBIT A LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT WATER RATES FOR ROLLING PRAIRIE TRAVEL PLAZAS

There is hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the Rolling Prairie Travel Plazas Waterworks of the LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District, the following schedule of rates and charges:

(a) Monthly Charge

Class III (Rolling Prairie Travel Plazas)

Water Operation, Maintenance and Replacement User Charge \$ 14,575.00

(b) <u>Surcharge Fee</u> – If the daily water usage exceeds 26,500 gallons per day, there shall be a Surcharge Fee equal to 50% of the Class III Water Operation, Maintenance and Replacement User Charge (calculated on an equivalent daily basis) for each day excess flows exceed 26,500 gallons and said Surcharge Fee will be billed on a monthly basis.