## BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION NO 2011-10**

A Resolution concerning household user fees for households located within the District that are on septic systems and household user fee adjustments for households that experience water leaks that are reflected by an increase in the household's water bills and which results in an increase in District user fee assessments.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sanitary Commissioners ("Board") of the Muncie Sanitary District ("District") of the City of Muncie, Indiana ("City") has heretofore established user fees based upon the volume of water use reported to the district on each household by the Indiana-American Water Company, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there are certain households within the District that are not currently directly attached to the sanitary sewer system but are instead serviced by their own septic systems so that their household sewers and drains do not flow directly into the District's sewers and drains; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that there are certain households in the District that, from time to time, experience water leaks and that such leaks, because of their location, may not properly reflect the volume of water that flows from the household into the District's sewers and drains; and

WHEREAS, the Board Further finds that, because its user rates are based upon the volume of water used by each household in the District, a rate must be established for households on city water lines within the District that are also on their own septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that, because its user rates are based upon the volume of water used by each household in the district, water leaks in the water lines of those households may not flow through the sewers and drains of the District and consequently, a fair and equitable adjustment to the user fees may be required; and

WHEREAS the Board further finds that Policies need to be adopted by the Board for use by the Sewage Utility Office in dealing with the above described situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. That it shall be the Policy of the District that households serviced by city water but having their own septic systems shall be billed at the same rate which shall be, from time to time, established by the Board as the lowest minimum rate for dwellings or other facilities served by a single water meter.

Section 2. That it shall further be the Policy of the District that households experiencing leaks in their water line shall be given a credit on their sewage user fees provided that:

- 1) The leak occurs on the outside of the house so that the leaked water does not flow directly from the sewers and drains of the house into the sewers and drains of the District; and
  - 2) The leak has been repaired; and
- 3) Proof of the repair along with a copy of the bill for the repair work or a statement from the household resident or owner that the leak has been repaired; and
- 4) An additional statement on the repair bill or from the household resident or owner describing the location of the leak in sufficient detail as to allow the District to determine that the leak occurred on the outside of the house so as not to go into the sewer and drain that is connected to the house.

The credit adjustment shall be made by the Sewage Utility Office and shall be in an amount that is equal to that of the average sewage bill normally assessed to the household as if no leak had occurred.

Section 6. <u>Conflict With current Policies</u>. All current Policies or parts of current Policies that are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.

Section 7. <u>Effective Date</u>. This resolution and the Policies created herein shall be in full force and effect from and after this resolution's passage.

Adopted this \_\_ day of October, 2011.

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