## BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION NO 2011-14**

## A Resolution concerning household user fees for households which have swimming pools and/or use city water to sprinkle their lawns.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sanitary Commissioners ("Board") of the Muncie Sanitary District ("District") of the City of Muncie, Indiana ("City") has heretofore established domestic and residential 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 have swimming pools on the property that are filled from the household's city water connection and/or use city water to sprinkle lawns during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that the water that is used to fill the pools or sprinkle the lawns of such households 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 household residential users should not be penalized by higher user service rates during the months of May through and September for opening and filling their swimming pools or sprinkling their lawns with city metered water; and

WHEREAS the Board further finds that a Policies should 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 is the Policy of the District that households serviced by city water that have swimming pools located on the household's property shall have their billing for sewer service for domestic and residential users for the months of May through June adjusted to the swimming pool rate and that households that sprinkle their lawns with city water shall have their billing for sewer service for domestic and residential users for the months of July through September adjusted to the lawn sprinkling rate.

Section 2. The adjustment for the swimming pool rate for May and June shall be to an amount equal to the household's rates for domestic and residential users for the months of March and April and the adjustment for the lawn sprinkling rates shall be to an amount equal to the

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household's rates for domestic and residential users for the months of January, February and March. For each adjustment, if the water usage rates after adjustment are greater than the actual water usage rates for the months to be adjusted, then the billing for domestic and residential users shall be computed on the actual water used for the months for which the domestic and residential user rates are being prepared.

Section 3. The lawn sprinkling rate shall apply to each lot, parcel of real estate, or building that is occupied and used as a single family household and the swimming pool rate shall apply to each lot, parcel of real estate, or building that is occupied and used as a single family household that has a swimming pool. Neither the swimming pool rate nor the lawn sprinkling rate shall apply to any premises that are partially or wholly used for commercial or industrial purposes. However, the owner of such premises used in part for commercial or industrial purposes but also for household purposes may have the household portion of the premises separately metered for water use. In that instance the household portion shall qualify for the lawn sprinkler rate and if the household use includes a swimming pool that is not used for commercial or industrial use, the billing for sewage service for the household shall also qualify for the swimming pool rate.

Section 4. <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 5. <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 29 th day of November, 2011.

## BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS OF THE MUNCIE SANITARY DISTRICT

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