

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11-15

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF  
FEES FOR DAMAGES TO METER READING EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Troy Utilities Department has installed certain meters on users of its system including, without limitation, automated meter reading systems and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the general terms and conditions for electric, water and sewage services adopted by the Troy Town Board and effective March 14, 2018 provides that customers shall not disconnect, change connections or otherwise interfere with Utility's meters or other property and shall be responsible for to Utility for permitting anyone who is not an agent or employee of Utility to tamper with Utility's property; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that customers of the Town's utility services be responsible for damage to equipment located upon their property.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Troy, Indiana as follows:

1. The Town of Troy, Indiana, acting by and through the Troy Utilities Office, shall charge the property owner/customer the expense of any repairs and/or replacement of its meter reading equipment and other metering equipment in an amount to be determined on a case by case basis by the Town of Troy Utility Department Head based upon the actual cost of the replacement equipment.
2. The Office of Troy Utilities, upon notice of damage to its meter reading equipment, will issue a notice of violation to the property owner and set forth the anticipated cost of repair and/or replacement to be charged to the property owner. Said notice may be hand delivered or sent via certified mail.
3. A property owner who fails to pay the expense of repairs as set forth in the notice from the Office of Troy Utilities shall be responsible for court costs and attorney fees incurred in the enforcement of the notice.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

TROY TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF TROY, INDIANA

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Board Member

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Linda J Crawford  
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