ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL INCREASING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CUMBERLAND SANITARY UTILITY

WHEREAS, the Cumberland Sanitary Utility provides sanitary utility services to customers in the Town of Cumberland Sanitary Service Area;

AND WHEREAS, the Cumberland Sanitary Board (The Board) has caused a rate study to be prepared in order to calculate the reasonable cost of the provision of sanitary service and the rates and charges for the recovery of such costs;

AND WHEREAS, the Board’s financial consultant, Financial Solutions Group, Inc., has recommended that, in order to recover the reasonable cost of the provision of sanitary services, the rates should be increased from current levels by five percent (5%) in 2015, five percent (5%) from 2015 rates in 2016, and five percent (5%) from 2016 rates in 2017;

AND WHEREAS, the Board caused notice of a public hearing on the proposed increase in rates and charges to be published and notice to be mailed to utility customers, as provided by law;

AND WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on Jan. 21st, 2015 on these proposed rates and charges and heard comment from the public, users and other interested parties regarding the proposed increase;

AND WHEREAS, the Board has studied the rate study and has recommended adoption of the rates and charges as recommended by the financial consultant;

AND WHEREAS, the current rates were adopted in 2003 as part of a rate decrease;

AND WHEREAS, the last rate increase was in 2001;

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Cumberland that the rates and charges for the Cumberland Sanitary Utility, as provided for in Town Code 00-05-50 be amended to the rates proposed by the rate study as shown on Exhibit A.
REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY. Any provision herein contained which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful or which by operation shall be inapplicable, shall be deemed omitted but the rest and remainder of this ordinance, to the extent feasible, shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective on January 21, 2015.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, INDIANA, this 21st day of January, 2015

A MAJORITY OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, INDIANA

Joe Siefker, President

Anna Pea, Vice President

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ATTEST:

Erina Salmon, Clerk-Treasurer