

## ORDINANCE #3990

**An ordinance establishing the wages of the various employees of the City of New Castle, Henry County, Indiana beginning January 1, 2027 and continuing thereafter.**

**Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of New Castle, Indiana.**

That the following shall be the hourly wages and/or salaries for the various employees of the City of New Castle, Indiana.

**All Departments of the city are eligible for the following:**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Part-Time/Seasonal/Temporary                                                          | See Management Salary Ordinance |
| 2. Laborer                                                                               | 19.27 hourly                    |
| 3. Truck Driver                                                                          | 18.83 hourly                    |
| 4. Working as designated Group Leader<br>(Assigned at the discretion of Department Head) | .25 hourly                      |

**Negotiated Departments of the city are eligible for the following:**

Safety Pay of \$.60 hourly will be assigned per AFSCME Contract and will not be entitled to receive group leader pay.

**If a position requires a CDL then an additional \$1.00 per hour will be added to that hourly pay. If the position does not require a CDL or, position is part-time driver, then this addition will not apply effective September 16, 2024.**

**City Building**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Building Custodians | 19.27 hourly |
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**Public Works Department**

|                                      |              |
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| Certified Diesel/Hydraulic Mechanics | 23.63 hourly |
| Mechanics                            | 20.70 hourly |
| Mechanics Helper                     | 20.18 hourly |

**Building Inspector's Office**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Office Clerks | 19.27 hourly |
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**Special Duty Pay**

|                                                             |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Secretary – Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals | 600.00 yearly |
| Secretary – Licensing Board                                 | 300.00 yearly |

**Police Department**

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Office Clerks         | 19.27 hourly  |
| Mechanic              | 20.70 hourly  |
| Merit Board Secretary | 600.00 yearly |

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### **Cemetery Department**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Office Clerk              | 19.27 hourly |
| Heavy Equipment Operators | 20.70 hourly |
| Groundskeepers I          | 20.18 hourly |

### **Parks Department**

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|------------------|--------------|
| Groundskeepers I | 20.18 hourly |
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### **Utility Billing Office**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Meter Readers/Service Repair (50/50 split between Water/Wastewater) | 20.18 hourly  |
| Cashier Clerks                                                      | 19.275 hourly |
| Billing Clerk                                                       | 20.18 hourly  |
| Collection Clerk                                                    | 20.18 hourly  |

*Utility Office Clerks percentage of pay based on revenue evaluated yearly to develop departmental wage responsibility. Figures are based on the first 6 months of previous year's revenue as established by Ordinance #3620. Breakdown for 2027 will be as follows:*

|       |     |            |     |            |    |            |     |
|-------|-----|------------|-----|------------|----|------------|-----|
| Water | 23% | Wastewater | 58% | Sanitation | 7% | Stormwater | 12% |
|-------|-----|------------|-----|------------|----|------------|-----|

### **Waterworks Department**

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Office Clerk                 | 19.27 hourly |
| Maintenance Operators I      | 20.70 hourly |
| Maintenance Operators II     | 20.18 hourly |
| Inventory Control            | 20.18 hourly |
| Inventory Clerk              | 19.27 hourly |
| Heavy Equipment Operators    | 20.70 hourly |
| Meter Repair/Service/Readers | 20.18 hourly |
| Locator/Water Helper         | 20.18 hourly |
| Laborer                      | 18.75 hourly |

Upon acquiring certification from the Indiana State Board of Health, **certified employees** will receive one certification pay increase in each group listed as follows:

|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Grade WT1  | .70 per hour additional  |
| Grade WT2  | .85 per hour additional  |
| Grade WT3  | 1.15 per hour additional |
| Grade DSS  | .70 per hour additional  |
| Grade DSM  | .70 per hour additional  |
| Grade DS-L | 1.15 per hour additional |

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### **Wastewater Department**

|                                                  |              |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Office Clerk                                     | 19.27 hourly |
| Maintenance Operators I                          | 20.70 hourly |
| Maintenance Operators II                         | 20.18 hourly |
| Maintenance Mechanics I                          | 20.70 hourly |
| Maintenance Mechanics II                         | 20.18 hourly |
| Laboratory Technicians I                         | 20.70 hourly |
| Heavy Equipment Operators                        | 20.70 hourly |
| Sludge Press Operator                            | 20.18 hourly |
| Collection System Equipment Operators (Sweeper)  | 20.18 hourly |
| Collection System Maintenance Operators (Masons) | 20.18 hourly |
| Vactor Operator                                  | 20.70 hourly |
| Janitor                                          | 18.76 hourly |

- A. Maintenance Operator II's with 5 years of service as an Operator II becomes Operator I.

Upon acquiring certification from the Indiana State Board of Health, **certified employees** will receive one certification pay increase as follows:

|           |                          |
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| Class I   | .70 per hour additional  |
| Class II  | .85 per hour additional  |
| Class III | 1.15 per hour additional |
| Class IV  | 1.50 per hour additional |

*An employee shall not receive more than one certification pay in each category. The employee shall only receive the pay for the highest certification obtained. The employee shall receive certification pay per hour at the above rates for all payroll purposes, in addition to the hourly rate of their classification.*

### **Sanitation Department**

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| Office Clerk      | 19.27 hourly |
| Sanitation Driver | 20.70 hourly |
| Sanitation Helper | 20.18 hourly |

### **Motor Vehicles & Highway Department**

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| Office Clerk  | 19.27 hourly |
| Truck Drivers | 20.18 hourly |

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### **Transportation**

|                              |              |
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| Mechanic                     | 20.70 hourly |
| Dispatcher/Clerk             | 19.27 hourly |
| Drivers                      | 20.18 hourly |
| Support Drivers              | 19.27 hourly |
| Part-time Driver             | 14.87 hourly |
| Bus Cleaner/Back Up Dispatch | 19.27 hourly |

### **VACATION DAYS**

Employees will receive every January 1<sup>st</sup> Vacation Days as follows:

| <u>YEARS EMPLOYED</u> | <u>VACATION LEAVE</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Six Months to 1 year  | 1 week                |
| 1 – 4 years           | 2 weeks               |
| 5 – 9 years           | 3 weeks               |
| 10 and over           | 4 weeks               |

### **HOLIDAYS**

All full-time employees will receive and be paid for the holidays established and recognized by the City.

### **SICK (PDO) DAYS**

PDO days will be awarded as provided for in the contract between AFSCME Local 1478 and the City of New Castle and policy as established by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

### **FLSA POLICY, COMPENSATORY LEAVE AND NON-RELATED FLSA POLICY**

The Clerk Treasurer of the City of New Castle shall have the authority by the passage of this ordinance to comply with all guidelines pursuant to the United States Department of Labor Standards for the implementation of the Fair Labor Standards Act provisions, United State Department of Labor Regulations and are approved by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

It is further ordained that the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of New Castle shall amend its policy regarding the payment of overtime to conform to future amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act as passed by the United States Congress and regulated by the United States Department of Labor. That the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Clerk Treasurer of the City of New Castle shall by the passage of this ordinance, be authorized and directed to make policy, keep records and make payments which will provide for the compliance of the City of New Castle with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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### **MUNICIPAL VEHICLES**

Be it ordained that the Board of Public Works and Safety shall establish and institute policy on the use of municipal vehicles. That the Board of Public Works and Safety shall establish rules and regulations to conform to the IRS ruling pertaining to employer provided vehicles.

### **PAID DAY OFF AND VACATION ACCRUALS**

Any employee who is off the job for more than (30) consecutive calendar days will not accumulate paid days off (PDO's) and Vacation credits during the period of absence. Employees may accumulate 1 PDO per month, to a maximum of 13 per calendar year. Eligible amount of vacation is based on the number of years of seniority as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **PAYMENT IN LIEU OF SICK/VACATION DAYS UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

If an employee ends employment the employee will be paid for unused accumulated sick and vacation days.

### **LEAVE (WORK RELATED)**

All full-time employees will continue to receive benefits with sick days and vacation accruals and workmen's compensation will be paid by insurance. The city portion of health benefits and life insurance will continue until final settlement is made by insurer. The employee reserves the right to either use or retain sick and vacation days prior to worker's compensation. After final settlement is made by worker's compensation and the city has made final payment on accumulated sick days and vacation accruals, the employee will continue to receive health benefits per city policy/ordinance. Employee is responsible for monthly employee share of health insurance premium.

### **RETIREMENT**

Salaries shall be paid through the last work day. Lump sum payments will be made for all eligible sick and vacation day accruals. Benefits continue under terms of the City policy.

### **LONGEVITY**

All full-time employees with at least 1 year of service as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of current year shall receive longevity pay in the amount of \$30.00 per year of service to the city. The longevity pay will be calculated as follows: \$30.00 divided by 52 pays, multiplied by the number of whole years of service.

### **INSURANCE**

All full-time employees will be covered by the same health and life insurance plans as available to the City of New Castle employees, at the cost sharing agreements.

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### **DISABILITY PLAN**

A disability plan for employees in the amount of \$100.00 a week consisting of a 26-week benefit period to be effective on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of absence. Plan to be conditioned on a policy as established by the Board of Public Works and Safety pertaining to guidelines of eligibility.

### **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE AFTER TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

All full-time employees upon termination of their employment with the City, for reasons except retirement, (pursuant to Indiana Code) shall be entitled to only those health care benefits provided for by the Federal Cobra Option, available through the cities' insurance carrier, provided further that said employee pays the full cost of such health care benefits after termination.

### **LAYOFFS**

Full time employees will maintain seniority for a period equal to hire in date following layoff with less than two (2) years seniority. All other full-time employees will maintain seniority for a period of five (5) years of seniority for a maximum of six (6) months of benefit continuance at the cost sharing agreements.

### **WAGES AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

Wages, fringe benefits and economic conditions for full time employees listed on this wage schedule shall be paid as provided for in the contract between AFSCME Local 1478 and the City of New Castle and policy as established by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Ordinance pursuant to State Statute.

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of New Castle, Indiana, that said salaries so established be approved as to amounts and conditions beginning the first pay period in January 2027.

All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE THIS 19th DAY OF  
October, 2026.

GREG YORK, PRESIDING OFFICER  
COMMON COUNCIL, NEW CASTLE, IN

ATTEST:

ASHLEY HUFFMAN, CLERK TREASURER

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APPROVED BY ME THIS 19th DAY OF October, 2026.

GREG YORK, MAYOR OF THE  
CITY OF NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

ATTEST:

ASHLEY HUFFMAN, CLERK TREASURER