

ORDINANCE NO. 952

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MONTHLY BILLING TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES
FOR FIRE PROTECTION, TRASH SERVICE AND STORM-WATER FEES AND
REPEALING ORDINANCE #937

WHEREAS, the City of North Vernon is long-committed to a proactive approach to implementing policies for fire protection, sanitary trash service and storm-water control that protects both the environment and the health of its citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of North Vernon takes notice that there exist properties within the City limits which have been disconnected from water service and are nonetheless being provided with fire protection, storm-water control and sanitary refuse service; and,

WHEREAS, sound fiscal practice would dictate that all properties which benefit from said services should bear responsibility for the expense of same; and

WHEREAS, ethical concerns dictate that those properties with no structures upon them and do not benefit from sanitary refuse service should not have to pay for that service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of North Vernon that all properties which have been provided with and utilized a water meter in the past but have become disconnected from such service shall be billed monthly for fire protection, storm-water control and sanitary trash services in accordance with the billing rates currently in effect by the existing Ordinance setting same. However, if a property that has become disconnected from service and is thereafter reconnected, they shall not be billed twice on these amounts. Additionally, if there is no structure upon the property, upon notification and verification of the new condition by the North Vernon Water Works, the costs of sanitary trash

and fire protection services will be excused unless informed by the street commissioner that those services are being utilized.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of North Vernon that Ordinance# 937 dated May 28, 2014 be repealed hereby.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of North Vernon, Indiana, on the 14 day of MARCH 2016.