

# MAIN EXTENSION RULES

## INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (IURC)

In March 2020, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1131 (*Ind. Code section 8-1-2-101.5*), which required municipally owned water and wastewater utilities to comply with the main extension rules of the IURC with regards to **main extension agreements entered into after June 30, 2020**.<sup>\*</sup> The Commission's main extension rules for water and wastewater may be amended by the IURC. All provisions within these rules apply to municipal main extensions, except for any reporting requirement.

### MAIN EXTENSION AGREEMENTS

Generally, the IURC's main extension rules include the following:

The applicant or original depositor, who requests a main extension from the utility, will enter into an agreement with the utility. The agreement should include the total required deposit to be paid by the applicant. The agreement should also include the subsequent connector fee that would be paid by new connectors on the main after the main extension is constructed, which may result in a refund to the original depositor. Once the number of connections agreed to by the original depositor are made, refunds are required for 10 years from the date the main is completed; all refunds go to original depositor. A three year revenue allowance is also required to be calculated by the utility for each connection to the main.

The utility can charge separate fees to connect an applicant, such as a tap fee or system development charge, and these charges are not to be included in the main extension cost. However, a utility cannot charge an original depositor for a main larger than necessary to meet the original depositor's request for service.

Main extension agreements must include: details about the main extension, cost and calculations, disclosure of any depositor-authorized connections, a statement that the main extension shall conform with the IURC's main extension rules, and the applicant's signature.

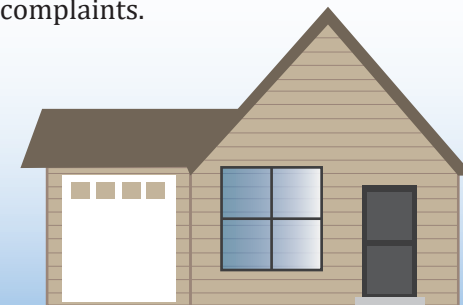
**Water and wastewater main extension rules** - [http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac//iac\\_title?iact=170](http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac//iac_title?iact=170)

*If you have questions, you can call the IURC's Water/Wastewater Division at 317-232-2785 or the Consumer Affairs Division at 1-800-851-4268.*

	Req'd to follow Main Extension Rules	Req'd to file reports required by Main Extension Rules
Jurisdictional investor-owned or not-for-profit water or wastewater utility	Yes	Yes
Jurisdictional municipal water utility	Yes, after June 30, 2020	No
Municipal water utility withdrawn from matters under IC 8-1.5-3-9 or IC 8-1-3-9.1	Yes, after June 30, 2020	No
Municipal wastewater utility	Yes, after June 30, 2020	No
Regional districts and conservancy districts	No	No

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

If an applicant has a dispute with a municipality regarding the main extension rules, the applicant may submit an informal complaint to the Consumer Affairs Division of the IURC. Utilities must provide information and follow other requirements for consumer complaints.



<sup>\*</sup>HEA 1131 only applies to main extension rules, and does not add existing municipal utilities under the commission's jurisdiction for rates and charges.