

**A resolution to establish a policy for the operation of the Tainter Gate at the Hosey Dam.**

**RESOLUTION # 94-9-12-07-2**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Citizens of Fort Wayne to improve river aesthetics and facilitate boating and other river recreation activities during the warm weather months:

**WHEREAS**, the Hosey Dam Tainter Gate must remain in the closed position to increase the amount of impounded water within the river to facilitate boating and other river recreation activities:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Wayne / Board of Public Works acknowledges the public's desire to utilize the rivers for recreational purposes;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Public Works that,

**The following protocol dealing with Hosey Dam Tainter Gate Operation is hereby established:**

- A. On April 15<sup>th</sup> each year, or the first regular business day following this date, Filtration Plant staff shall lower the Hosey Dam Tainter Gate. The purpose of lowering the gate is to increase the amount of impounded water to improve river aesthetics and facilitate boating and other river related activities during the summer recreational season. During the period from April 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> (Recreational Period), City Utilities staff will, to the maximum extent possible, minimize the need to raise the Tainter Gate and reduce the amount of impounded water during the recreational period.
- B. During the period from October 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> (Winter Period), City Utilities will raise and lower the Tainter Gate as needed to accommodate construction, maintenance and other related activities.
- C. City Utilities will maintain a list of citizens and businesses that will be notified prior to any operation of the Tainter Gate that will affect the amount of impounded water.
- D. The Manager of Engineering Support Services, currently Michael Kiester, will be the coordinator of construction projects or other activities requiring a change in the position of the Tainter Gate. The Manager of Engineering Support Services shall communicate the need to change the amount of impounded water with the Director of City Utilities, who shall have the final decision as to the raising and/or lowering of the Tainter Gate. No operation of the Tainter Gate shall occur without this prior approval.

- E. In the event of an emergency, the Director of City Utilities and/or Manager of Engineering Support Services shall have the discretion to take any and all measures required to alleviate the emergency situation without prior notification to any potentially affected parties.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of September, 2007

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