

ORDINANCE NO. 16-07

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER FACILITIES OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a water and sewer system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has determined that, due to the increased cost of water from the City's water supplier, the need for improvements to the System, and other factors, it is necessary to increase rates charged by the water facilities of the System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Arkansas:

Section 1. The following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and minimum rates to be charged for water services be, and they are hereby, confirmed as rates to be charged for services rendered by the water facilities of the System.

The water usage of each customer shall be determined each month by meter measurement and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES

(per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof)

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
0 - 1,000 gallons	\$7.75	\$9.60
1,000 - 10,000 gallons	3.77	4.32
10,000 – 50,000 gallons	3.52	3.55
50,000 – 300,000 gallons	3.37	3.37
300,001 gallons plus	3.32	3.37

Section 2. The water rates established by this Ordinance shall become effective on December 1, 2016.

Section 3. (a) There shall be a tapping fee in an amount equal to \$250 for each customer situated inside the City limits who hereafter connects with the System and \$750 for every customer situated outside the City limits who hereafter connects with the System. The tapping fee shall be nonrefundable.

(b) In addition, each customer, whether situated within the City or outside the City, who hereafter connects with the System and whose connection has a water meter larger than 3/4" will pay the tapping fee in subsection (a) above plus all additional actual costs to the City for materials (including tapping saddles) and labor.

(c) In the case of a customer who makes a second or subsequent connection to serve the same premises, the tapping fee for each second and subsequent connection shall be the actual cost to the City for materials (including tapping saddles) and labor.

(d) Any required road bores are the responsibility of the customer.

Section 4. Each customer, whether situated within the City or outside the City, who hereafter connects with the System shall pay a meter deposit in the amount of \$100 for each meter installed. The meter deposit shall be retained to assure prompt payment of monthly water and sewer bills.

Section 5. In the event any premises is disconnected from the System, the customer concerned, whether situated within the City or outside of the City, shall, prior to reconnection, pay all delinquent charges, together with a reconnection charge of \$35 during office hours and an additional \$15 fee for after office hours for each reconnection of the premises to the System.

Section 6. None of the facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.

Section 7. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 8. All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. All other Ordinances which do not directly conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED: September 12, 2016



Mayor

ATTEST:



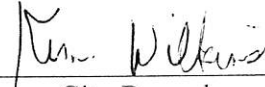
City Recorder

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Recorder of the City of Decatur, Arkansas (the "City"), hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordinance No. 16-07, adopted at a regular session of the City Council of the City, held at the regular meeting place in the City at 4:00 o'clock p.m., on the 12th day of September, 2016, and that the Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Record Book now in my possession.

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this 12th day of September, 2016.



City Recorder

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