

CITY OF KEISER
ORDINANCE 2017-3

AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF KEISER, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Keiser, Arkansas owns and operates water and sewer facilities and in order that the city and its habitants may have adequate and proper water and sewer facilities, which water and sewer facilities are operated as one interrelated municipal undertaking (the system): and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary for the city to establish rates to be charged for the services of the system;

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

Section 1. That the following monthly rates and charges which the city council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates, be, and they are hereby, confirmed and continued as the rates to be charged for the water services to be rendered by the system to be effected per October 01, 2010.

(a) Monthly Water Rates. The water usage for reach residential housing to include apartments shall be determined each month by meter measurements and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof	\$10.50 (minimum)
For the next 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof	\$1.35 per 1,000 gallons
For the next 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof	\$1.25 per 1,000 gallons
For the next 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof	\$1.15 per 1,000 gallons

For Commercial Properties such as: stores, post office, beauty shops, restaurants, etc., shall be determined each month by meter measurements and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereafter	\$18.00 (minimum)
For the next 10,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion therefore	\$1.45 per 1,000 gallons

For the next 10,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereafter \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons

For Rural Properties: it shall be determined each month by meter measurements and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereafter \$18.00 (minimum)

For the next 10,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereafter \$1.45 per 1,000 gallons

For the next 10,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion therefore \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons

(b) **Surcharge.** There shall be a \$10.00 surcharge per month per residential, commercial and rural properties.

© **Tapping Fee.** There shall be a tapping fee equal to the actual cost to the city plus 10% for all customers who connect with and use the water facilities of the system.

(d) **Meter Deposits.** Each occupant who hereafter connects with the water system shall pay a meter deposit in the amount of \$100.00 per occupant for each meter. The meter deposit shall be retained to assure prompt payment of monthly water bills.

(e) **Reconnection Charge.** In the event any premises are disconnected from the water system, the customer concerned, prior to reconnection shall pay all delinquent charges, together with a reconnection fee of \$25.00 before four o'clock (4:00 pm), after 4:00 pm a reconnect charge of \$50.00 for each reconnect of the premises to the water system. The decision to make an "afterhours" reconnection shall be made solely by the city officials.

(f) **Fire Hydrants.** The city shall pay the sum of \$400.00 annually for all fire hydrants.

(g) The operation of the system shall be on a fully metered basis, with a meter installed at each water connection and there shall be one user per single meter with the exception of the Bunn Apartments. All bills for water services shall be due and payable with 15 days of the bill being rendered. If any water bill is not paid on or before the due date, a 10% penalty shall be added, and if the bill is delinquent for a period of 10 days, the water service shall be disconnected on the 11th day at 8:00 AM. There shall be no dual connection.

(h) None of the facilities or services afforded by the water system shall be furnished without a charge being made thereof.

Section 2. That the following monthly rates and charges which the city council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates be and are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for sewer services to be rendered by the system.

(a) **Monthly Sewer Rates.** The monthly sewer charge for customer shall be 50% of the monthly water bill.

(b) There shall be a tapping fee equal to the actual cost to the city plus 10% for all customers who connect to the system.

(c) None of the sewer facilities or services afforded by the system shall be furnished without a charge being made therefore.

Section 3. Vacant unoccupied property not actually using the sewer facilities shall not be subject to a charge, but the burden of vacancy and non-use shall rest on the owner of the property. All bills for sewer services shall be monthly in the amount due. Under the provisions of Arkansas State Ann. Section 19-4113 (Repla. 1980), a lien is fixed upon the land for any unpaid charges, even though the usage of the system is by a tenant or lessee instead of the owner. If any sewer charge is not paid on or before the 30th day after the bill is rendered, suit shall be brought to enforce the lien and to collect the amount due;

Section 4. That 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 5. That a single statement will be submitted for monthly water and sewer charges. Collections shall be applied first to discharge of sewer charges.

Section 6. That this ordinance being necessary for the protection of the public, the provisions hereof are declared to be of urgent necessity. It is found that an emergency exists, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Keiser, and that is Ordinance be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.



MAYOR



RECORDER/TREASURER