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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-5

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND CONFIRMING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF POTTSVILLE, ARKANSAS, PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants to increase water and sewer rates in effect to meet its expense obligations and maintain the System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Pottsville, 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 are hereby confirmed as rates to be charged for services rendered by 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:

Inside City Limits

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$20.00 (minimum)
For the next 5,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$3.41 per 1,000 gallons
For the next 4,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$2.89 per 1,000 gallons
For all monthly water consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	\$2.36 per 1,000 gallons

Outside City Limits

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$24.00 (minimum)
For the next 5,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$4.20 per 1,000 gallons
For the next 4,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$3.68 per 1,000 gallons
For all monthly water consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	\$2.63 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 2. The following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable, and minimum rates to be charged for sewer services be, and are hereby fixed and confirmed as rates to be charged for services rendered by the System.

All monthly sewer charges shall be based upon water consumption. 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:

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$15.00 (minimum)
For the next 5,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$4.20 per 1,000 gallons
For the next 4,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$3.68 per 1,000 gallons
For all monthly water consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	\$2.63 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 3. Customers connecting with the System shall make a meter deposit with the City as follows: (i) \$75.00 for a homeowner, and (ii) \$175.00 for a tenant. When service is disconnected, any portion of the meter deposit remaining after the current billing is paid will be returned to the customer.

SECTION 4. There shall be a tapping fee in an amount equal to \$700.00 for every customer located inside the City limits and outside the City Limits who connects with the System, except that the tapping fee for any connection over 5/8" shall be \$700.00 plus the cost of materials in excess of the \$700.00 tapping fee. The tapping fee and material expenses shall be nonrefundable.

SECTION 5. None of the facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.

SECTION 6. If and in the event any water or sewer bill remains unpaid for a period of in excess of ten (10) days, the same shall be subject to disconnection, or locked by the City without notice to the customer. If and in the event any meter is disconnected or locked by the City, there will be a required re-connection fee of \$75.00 in addition to payment of any and all outstanding water and/or sewer bill that has accumulated, prior to said meter being re-connected or unlocked. Water and sewer bills are due on the 15th day of each month. Bills paid after the due date shall be subject to a late charge of \$10.00 applied to any outstanding unpaid water and/or sewer bill.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, 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 other Ordinances which do not directly conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED THIS 22 day of November 2021.

APPROVED:


RANDY TANKERSLEY
MAYOR

ATTEST:

I, Holly Fowler, City Clerk of Pottsville, Arkansas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2021-5 passed by the Pottsville City Council on the 22 day of November 2021.


HOLLY FOWLER
POTTSVILLE CITY CLERK

Date: 11-22-21

