

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE O-2019-04
AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2014-07**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 2014-07-1 AND TO AMENDED ORDINANCE NUMBER O-2014-07 PRESCRIBING A CHANGE IN THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER WORKS OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Ward, Arkansas (the "City") has adopted an Ordinance establishing the rates to be charged for water and services rendered by the City.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to amend Ordinance O-2014-07.

WHEREAS, the readjustments to the rates herein are mode pro rata as to all classes of service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: All provisions set forth in Ordinance O-2014-07 are hereby adopted by reference except for the specific amendments contained herein.

SECTION 2: The provisions of Section 2 of the above mentioned Ordinance shall be amended to the following

SECTION 2: Water Rates Fixed

- (a) That the following water rates be, and they are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for water to be furnished and services to be rendered by the water works system of the City of Ward, Arkansas, to wit:

MONTHLY WATER RATES

The water usage of each customer shall be determined each month by measurement.

The amount to be paid by each residential, commercial, and wholesale customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:¹

RESIDENTIAL INSIDE CITY LIMITS

First 1,000 gallons	5/8" or 3/4" meter	\$23.13
	1" meter	\$23.13

¹ With this Ordinance, Rates on the first 1,000 gallons are reduced by \$.40 to off-set the \$.40 fee increase outlined in Section 2c.

	1 ½" meter	\$23.13
	2" meter	\$38.62
	3" meter	\$49.15
	4" meter	\$60.91
	6" meter	\$83.29
Remaining gallons		\$5.46 per 1000 gallons

RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

First 1,000 gallons	5/8" or ¾" meter	\$24.13
	1" meter	\$24.13
	1 ½" meter	\$24.13
	2" meter	\$38.62
	3" meter	\$49.15
	4" meter	\$60.91
	6" meter	\$ \$83.29
Remaining gallons		\$7.11 per 1000 gallons

COMMERCIAL RATES

First 1,000 gallons	5/8" or ¾" meter	\$24.13
	1" meter	\$24.13
	1 ½" meter	\$24.13
	2" meter	\$38.62
	3" meter	\$49.15
	4" meter	\$60.91
	6" meter	\$83.29
Remaining gallons		\$7.11 per, 1000 gallons

SPRINKLER OR GARDEN METER

First 1,000 gallons	5/8" or ¾" meter	\$24.13
	1" meter	\$24.13
	1 ½" meter	\$24.13
	2" meter	\$38.62
	3" meter	\$49.15
	4" meter	\$61.43
	6" meter	\$83.29
Remaining gallons		\$7.11 per 1000 gallons

- (b) Hydrant fees. The connection fee will be \$35.00 per hydrant connection. Consumption rate will be \$5.00 per 1000 gallons.
- (c) Fee for Federal Safe Drinking Water Act: A fee of \$.40 shall be charged to each water bill issued.

- (d) None of the facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.
- (d) Annual Rate Adjustment by Index. Effective and commencing on January 1, 2020 and for each annual anniversary thereafter, there shall be an automatic water rate adjustment based upon and equal to the then-current percentage increase of the cost-of-living adjustments ("COLA") as determined by the Social Security Administration. In the event that the COLA adjustment exceeds three percent (3%), the proposed increase in water rates shall be presented to the City Council for approval. The automatic rate adjustment provided herein shall not preclude the City Council from increasing or decreasing the water rates as deemed necessary or appropriate at any time.

SECTION 3: 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 this Ordinance.

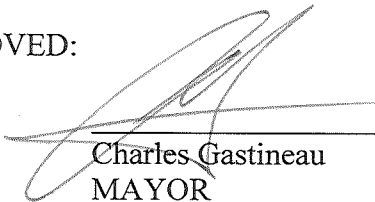
SECTION 4: Ordinance 0-2014-07, as amended hereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: That all ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th **DAY OF** May, 2019
Effective August 1st, 2019

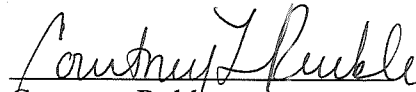
YEAS: 5 **NAYS:** 1

APPROVED:



Charles Gastineau
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Courtney Ruble
CITY CLERK

