

ORDINANCE NO. 439

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND FIX RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE
FROM THE CITY OF WEST FORK WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM, DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of West Fork, Arkansas, is required to set its rates by Ordinance to establish water and sewer rates sufficient to pay all costs of operating the system; and,

WHEREAS, having had a public hearing and taken public input as well as having the input of the West Fork Water and Sewer Commission, the City of West Fork, Arkansas, desires to amend ordinances previously fixing rates for the water and sewer system of the City of West Fork, Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the anticipated sewer pipeline project financing costs, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to begin raising the rates incrementally, over eighteen (18) months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WEST FORK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That the following rates and charges, which the City Council hereby finds and declares to be fair, reasonable, and necessary, be fixed as rates to be charged for water services to be rendered by the system, effective August 14, 2014:

(a) MONTHLY WATER RATES

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:

1. For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$13.50 Minimum
2. For the next 3,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$6.75/1,000 gal
3. For the next 45,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$6.15/1,000 gal
4. For all water consumption in excess of 50,000 gallons: \$4.30/1,000 gal

(b) Customers whose water connection is located outside the corporate limits of the City shall, in addition to the above charges, pay a monthly surcharge of twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50) per meter.

- (c) For water delivered to a portable tank truck there shall be a charge of \$13.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Section 2. That the following rates and charges, which the City council hereby finds and declares to be fair, reasonable, and necessary, be fixed as rates to be charged for water services to be rendered by the system, effective February 14, 2015:

(a) MONTHLY WATER RATES

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:

1. For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$14.60 Minimum
2. For the next 3,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$7.30/1,000 gal
3. For the next 45,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$6.65/1,000 gal
4. For all water consumption in excess of 50,000 gallons: \$4.65/1,000 gal

(b) Customers whose water connection is located outside the corporate limits of the City shall, in addition to the above charges, pay a monthly surcharge of twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50) per meter.

(c) For water delivered to a portable tank truck there shall be a charge of \$14.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Section 3. That the following rates and charges, which the City council hereby finds and declares to be fair, reasonable, and necessary, be fixed as rates to be charged for water services to be rendered by the system, effective August 14, 2015:

(a) MONTHLY WATER RATES

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:

1. For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$15.75 Minimum

2. For the next 3,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$7.90/1,000 gal

3. For the next 45,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof:
\$7.20/1,000 gal

4. For all water consumption in excess of 50,000 gallons: \$5.05/1,000 gal

(b) Customers whose water connection is located outside the corporate limits of the City shall, in addition to the above charges, pay a monthly surcharge of twenty two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50) per meter.

(c) For water delivered to a portable tank truck there shall be a charge of \$15.70 per 1,000 gallons.

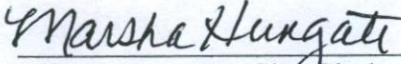
Section 4. Any and all ordinances which are in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict and if any part of this ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or illegal in anyway, that status shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance and those remaining parts shall remain in full force and effect.

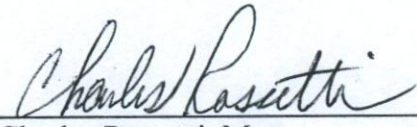
Emergency Clause. The city council has been advised, and does find that the water and sewer system rates are in immediate need of increases in order to preserve its ability to operate and continue to deliver vital services to the citizens of the city of West Fork, and to prepare for the financing of the anticipated sewer line project. Therefore, an emergency is declared, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12 day of August, 2014.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Marsha Hungate, City Clerk


Charles Rossetti, Mayor

