

ORDINANCE NO. 481

CITY OF WEST FORK, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND FIX RATES AND FEES FOR WATER SERVICE FROM THE CITY OF WEST FORK WATER 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 rates and fees sufficient to pay all costs of operating the system; and,

WHEREAS, having published notice of and held 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, has determined that it is necessary to amend ordinances previously fixing rates and fees for the water system of the City of West Fork, Arkansas; and,

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 March 18, 2019:

(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 based on 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 shall be charged at the regular rate plus twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50).

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 March 18, 2019:

(a) **WATER FEES**

1. Meter Deposit; Each customer who hereafter connects with the Water System shall pay a meter deposit for each meter installed. The deposit fee will be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for property owners or two hundred (\$200.00) for rental properties (proof of ownership or lease agreement must be provided). The Meter deposit shall be retained to assure prompt payment of monthly water bills and shall be returned upon final termination of service by the customer after confirmation that all outstanding Water System charges to the customer have been paid and in accordance with applicable law.

2. Re-Connection Charge: In the event any premises are disconnected from the Water System, the customer concerned, prior to re-connection shall pay all delinquent charges, together with a re-connections charge of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each re-connection of the premises to the Water System.

3. Water Tapping Fee: Water tapping fees will be nine hundred thirty dollars (\$930.00) per tap plus the cost of the street cut, if applicable.

Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. 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 parts shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4: EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The city council has been advised, and does find that the water system rates and fees 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. 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.

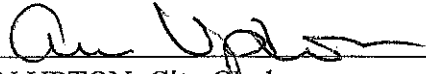
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF March, 2019:

APPROVED:



HEITH CAUDLE, Mayor

ATTEST:



ANN UPTON, City Clerk



CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of West Fork, Arkansas hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordinance No. 481, adopted at a regular session of the City Council of the City of West Fork, Arkansas, held at the regular meeting place in said City at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on the 12th day of March, 2019.

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this 12th day of March, 2019.


City Clerk

