

**ORDINANCE NO. 354 - 2023**

*(AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ABOLISH ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES FIXING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF STEPHENS, ARKANSAS)*

WHEREAS, the City of Stephens, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates water and sewer facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to establish rates to be changed for the service of the system;

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

SECTION 1: That the following months' rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable, and minimum rates to be charged for water services, and they are hereby, fixed to be rendered by the system.

- A. Monthly Water Rates. The water usage for each customer shall be determined each month by meter measurement and the amount paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

W1 (inside the City limits)    \$21.74 (minimum)

W2 (outside the City limits)    \$22.79 (minimum)

For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons per month

W1    \$5.28

W2    \$5.28

- B. Monthly Sewer Rates. The sewer usage of each customer shall be determined Each month is based on a meter measurement. The cost will be computed at the rate of:

\$20.06    minimum

\$5.28    for consumption per 1000 gallons

- C. A state mandated SAFE WATER ACT charge of \$0.30 will be included on each bill.
- D. None of the water or sewer facilities or services afforded furnished without a charge being made therefore.

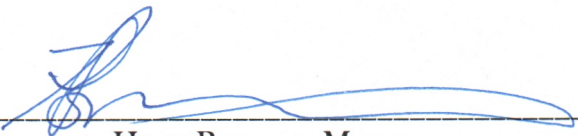
SECTION 2. The operation of the System shall be on a fully metered basis, with a meter installed at each water connection (except fire hydrants) when practical. There shall be only one user a single meter. Each apartment in an apartment shall be considered a separate user.

SECTION 3. That a single statement will be submitted for monthly water and sewer charges. All bills for services of the System shall be rendered monthly in the net amount due and must be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month in which rendered and if not paid, a 10% penalty will be added. If any charge is not paid by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month in which rendered, the services can be disconnected and a suit can be brought to collect the amount due, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, plus a penalty of 10%. A charge of \$35.00 plus the payment of all areas shall be required before any premises so disconnected shall be again connected by the System.

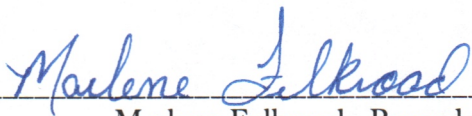
SECTION 4. That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. There is hereby declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance shall become effective on this 21 day of February 2023.



  
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Harry Brown - Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Marlene Fulkroad - Recorder/Treasurer