

CITY OF DYER, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12-10-01

AN ORDINANCE SETTING WATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE DYER CITY WATER SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing water and operating the water system have increased for the City of Dyer and these increases must be passed on to the customers and other users in order to maintain a fiscally responsible water system;

WHEREAS, the maintenance and operating costs of operating the water system outside the municipal boundaries is greater than the maintenance and operating costs of the water system within the municipal boundaries due in part to the length of the system and distance to rural customers;

WHEREAS, it is important that the City of Dyer's water rates be changed to reflect the increased costs in general and the higher cost of operating for rural customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DYER, ARKANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The amount to be paid for water for customers of the Dyer City Water System shall be a base rate of \$ 15.07 for the first 1,000 gallons of water per billing cycle and thereafter \$ 9.24 per 1,000 gallons on a pro rata basis determined by the user's actual water consumption for customers within the municipal limits of Dyer, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: The amount to be paid for water for customers of the Dyer City Water System shall be a base rate of \$ 25.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water per billing cycle and thereafter \$ 13.86 per 1,000 gallons on a pro rata basis determined by the user's actual water consumption for customers outside the municipal limits of Dyer, Arkansas.

SECTION 3: Any water system connected structures containing multiple separate family residential units shall be billed the base rate for each separate family residential unit. **Residential unit** means a residential dwelling unit housing a single family or group of persons with shared common space that is built such that it excludes access by others. It shall include single-family unattached homes, and each separate unit of condominiums, town homes, duplex, triplex, fourplex, and individual apartment units in multi-family buildings.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby amended to reflect the new rates and charges set out above.

SECTION 5: This ordinance is deemed important for the immediate protection and preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Dyer, Arkansas, because the existing water rates were fiscally unsupportable and this ordinance will make the water rates reflect the actual costs of operating the system such that the system can be financially sound. Failure to implement the rate increase immediately could jeopardize the safe operation of the water system to the possible detriment of the health and safety of the City and its citizens. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF December, 2019.

APPROVED:

Biel Morse
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

Ann Hubbard
RECORDER/TREASURER