CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

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

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

WHEREAS, Act 605 passed by the Arkansas legislature required rate studies to be conducted periodically;

WHEREAS, the City of Mulberry had a *Water Rate & Sewer Study* conducted by the Arkansas Rural Water Association with a report dated March 27, 2023;

WHEREAS, it is important that the City of Mulberry's water and wastewater rates be increased as recommended by the rate study as required by the legislature's Act 605;

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

SECTION 1: The charges for all water customers of the City of Mulberry, Arkansas, shall be as follows based upon consumption:

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

a. Zero (0) to one thousand gallons (1,000 gallons) $35.87 Flat fee;
b. One thousand gallons and greater (>1,000 gallons) $11.73/1,000 gal.;

WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS

a. Zero (0) and greater gallons (>0 gallons) $4.34/1,000 gal.;

SECTION 2: These rates shall increase by three percent (3%) annually effective on the tenth (10^{th}) day of December or the first business day thereafter for the January billing statements to reflect the annual increase.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended as may be necessary.

SECTION 4: Pursuant to Ordinance 99-4 this ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after its passage, approval, and posting. These rates shall become effective at the first meter reading after the ordinance becomes effective.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF_____, 2023.

APPROVED: **ATTESTED:**

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MAYOR **RECORDER/TREASURER**

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

Under penalty of perjury, I, the undersigned Recorder/Treasurer of Mulberry, Arkansas hereby certify that ORDINANCE NO.: **2023-03** was duly posted in FIVE (5) of the most public places in the municipality including but not limited to the following locations on the date subscribed below:

Mulberry City Complex
Mulberry Post Office
Mulberry Library
Mulberry Community Pharmacy
Today's Bank

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Recorder/Treasurer Date