ORDINANCE NO. 2002-14

AN ORDINANCE TO SET SEWER RATE FEES FOR RESIDENTS WITH ALTERNATIVE SEWER SYSTEMS, SETTING REGULATIONS FOR OPERATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council and City Planning Commission have authorized the use of alternative sewer systems as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the systems will require some maintenance outside the normal scope of sewer operations;

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

Alternative Sewer System - For the purposes of the City of Mulberry: An alternative sewer system shall be a system that consists of a holding tank, pump and filter system, alarm devices, Orenco Manufacturing specifications, and the effluent sewage (Gray Water) is being pumped into a City sewer system or an Interon "Power Sewer" Residential Grinder Pump System.

Sewer Connection - Physical connection from an alternative sewer system effluent line to a City maintained sewer transportation line.

City Maintenance - The City will be responsible for all upkeep on the system excluding the pipe between the structure (home or business) and the influent of the holding tank.

Monthly Sewer Rate - Those charges incurred by calculating the amount of water use by each individual customer as is charged to regular sewer customers (i.e. Ordinance No. 2000-8).

Monthly Surcharge - A fee established by the City to be

charged monthly to customers connected to an alternative sewer system, which shall be used for City maintenance of the alternative sewer system.
Design - Certain criteria or specifications set by the City to ensure type, quality and manufacturer of items used in the installation of an alternative sewer system and may regulate those performing installation as well.
Interceptor Tank - The sealed tank used in alternative sewer systems, for holding sludge, gray water and a pump.

SECTION 2. DESIGN, CONNECTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

(A.) Systems shall conform with the specifications as may be set forth from time to time by the City Public Works Director, Mayor or City Council.

SECTION 3. REGULATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

(A.) All aspects of alternative sewer systems shall comply with all City ordinances and all other state and federal regulations concerning sewage and system installation.

SECTION 4. FEES AND CHARGES

(A.) The monthly sewer rate shall be charged the same as that set for customers connected to gravity flow sewers which are set by a separate City ordinance (i.e. Ordinance No. 2000-8).

(B.) The monthly surcharge shall be $6.50 which will be added to each customer's bill monthly and upon receipt by the City shall be earmarked for "Alternative Sewer System Maintenance".

SECTION 5. It is hereby determined by the City of Mulberry that this ordinance is of an emergency nature in so much as it provides for the prevention of unsanitary conditions in the City Limits of the City of Mulberry. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance, being

for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be in full force from the date of its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2002.

APPROVED: _____
Jeff Marvin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Dickerson, Recorder-Treasurer