ORDINANCE 2019-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2013-11, SETTING RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY WATER SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS It is imperative that the water rate schedule keep pace with expenses so that the system can be operated, maintained and improved so that customers can receive the high level of service they expect and deserve.

WHEREAS The City Council has reviewed a water rate analysis completed by Communities Unlimited concerning Mulberry Water Rates and has determined that an immediate increase is necessary.

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

SECTION 1 That Section 1 (A) of Ordinance 2013-11 be amended to read as follows:

That the following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares necessary are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for services rendered by the water facilities of the system:

(A) Monthly Water Rates

All Water charges shall be based on consumption and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule:

First 1,000 Gallons	$28.50 Minimum
Next 9,000 Gallons	$6.35 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 490,000 Gallons	$5.45 per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 500,000 gallons	$4.85 per 1,000 Gallons
Wholesale Cost to Contract Buyers	$2.40 per 1,000 Gallons

Minimums and usage charges shall increase 2 percent each year

SECTION 2 Ordinance No. 2013-11 as amended hereby, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 That the provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4 That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5 The rate increases in this ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon the completion of water meter reading for the December 2019 billing cycle such that all water billed for the January 2020 billing cycle shall be billed at the new rates provided by this ordinance.

SECTION 6 This ordinance is necessary to immediately secure adequate funding for the provision of safe potable water services to the citizens of Mulberry without which the health of the environment and citizenry may be at risk such that an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the public welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and posting.

.PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

APPROVED: _____
Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Carla Southerland, Recorder/Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this ordinance no.:_____ was duly posted at the following five (5) locations as of the date subscribed below.

1. **Mulberry City Complex**
2. **Mulberry Post Office**
3. **Mulberry Library**
4. **Today's Bank**
5. **Mediquik Pharmacy**

Posted on: December 18, 2019

Carla Sutherland
Recorder/Treasurer