ORDINANCE 2019-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2013-12 SETTING RATES CHARGED FOR THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM AND OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS It has been determined that the City Sewer Rates need to be amended to keep pace with expenses so that the system can be operated, maintained and improved.

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

WHEREAS A Public Hearing was held concerning the proposed rate increase on December 2, 2019 and no objections were stated.

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

SECTION 1 That Section 1 of Ordinance 2013-12 be amended to read as follows:

(A) Residential Rates shall be charged as follows and shall be based on the customer's monthly water consumption:

First	1,000 Gallons	$10.50 minimum
Next	9,000 Gallons	$ 2.50/1,000 Gallons
All Over	10,000 Gallons	$ 1.25/1,000 Gallons
Alternate Systems		$ 9.00/month

SECTION 2 That Section 2 of Ordinance 2013-12 shall be amended to read as follows:

(B) Commercial and Industrial rates shall be as follows and shall be based on the customer's water consumption:

First	1,000 Gallons	$10.75 minimum
Next	9,000 Gallons	$ 2.75/1,000 Gallons
Next	40,000 Gallons	$ 2.50/1,000 Gallons
All Over	50,000 Gallons	$ 2.00/1,000 Gallons

SECTION 3 Ordinance No. 2013-12 as amended hereby, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 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SECTION 5 That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6 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 sewer billed for the January 2020 billing cycle shall be billed at the new rates provided by this ordinance.

SECTION 7 This ordinance is necessary to immediately secure adequate funding for the provision of safe sanitary sewer 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