ORDINANCE 2023-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 SETTING WATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE MULBERRY CITY WATER SYSTEM AND OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS The City of Mulberry aims to ensure that any increase in water rates is applied consistently across all customer categories to promote fairness and transparency in the water billing structure;

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

SECTION 1 That Section 2 of Ordinance 2023-03 be amended to read as follows: The rate increase contained in Section 1 of this ordinance increasing the rate from the previous ordinance shall be implemented over the course of a year, with half of the increase being implemented upon the effective date of this ordinance and the second half of the increase being implemented on the one year anniversary of this ordinance's effective date.

SECTION 2 Ordinance No. 2023-03 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SECTION 4 That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.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 In order to promptly address the critical need for consistent and equitable water rate adjustments among residential, commercial, and wholesale customers, this ordinance is declared an emergency. The immediate implementation of water rate adjustments is essential to promote fair and transparent billing practices across all customer categories. Therefore an emergency is hereby declared to exist.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

APPROVED:

Gary D. Baxter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla Dickerson, Recorder/Treasurer