

ORDINANCE NO. 779

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 760 AND FIXING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WYNNE, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY;

WHEREAS, the City of Wynne, Arkansas (the “City”) owns and operates water and sewer facilities, which water and sewer facilities are operated as one interrelated municipal undertaking (the “System”), and has determined that extension, betterments and improvements to the System (the “Improvements”) should be made in order that the City and its inhabitants may have adequate and proper water and sewer facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has prepared by a duly qualified consulting engineer, a preliminary rate study, which includes adjusting water and sewer rates for the purpose of maintaining Revenue Requirements specified by the Arkansas Natural Resources of Arkansas; and which have been examined and approved by the City Council and are on file with the City Clerk where they may be inspected by any interested person; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that assistance is necessary in the form of loans and a change in rate structure is required to meet the debt requirements from that assistance.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to establish rates to be charged for the service of the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Wynne, Arkansas:

Section 1. That the following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and minimum rates to be charged for water services be, and they are hereby, fixed as rates to be rendered by the System, effective for service on and after July 8, 2014.

- (a) Monthly water rates. The water usage of each customer shall be determined each month by meter measurement and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

INSIDE CITY LIMITS:

EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE THE FIRST OF EACH YEAR EXCEPT FOR 2014.
THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR 2014 SHALL BE JULY 8, 2014

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
** For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof (Minimum)	\$12.87	\$14.37	\$15.03	\$15.72	\$16.41
For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	\$4.29	\$4.79	\$5.01	\$5.24	\$5.47

** (Amounts are based on standard 5/8 inch meters)

For the larger meters the following schedule shall apply:
Rates based on meter size:

	Rate of Flow	Minimum Charge
5/8inch	20 (gpm)	Minimum Charge
3/4inch	30 (gpm)	Minimum Charge
1 inch	50(gpm)	\$ 17.81
1 ½ inch	100 (gpm)	\$ 42.00
2 inch	160 (gpm)	\$ 60.00
3 inch	300 (gpm)	\$ 72.50
4 inch	500 (gpm)	\$ 80.00
6 inch	1000 (gpm)	\$ 150.00

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
** For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$19.30	\$21.55	\$22.54	\$23.58	\$24.61
For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	\$6.43	\$7.18	\$7.51	\$7.86	\$8.20

** (Amounts are based on standard 5/8 inch meters and based on inside city rates at 150 percent.)

MOBILE HOME PARKS AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES

Trailer Parks and apartment complexes with more than one unit connected to one water meter will be billed according to the following schedule of rates:

Each unit will be charged fee allowed for the 2,000 gallon minimum based on the above rates and allowable water, all excess usage shall be:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons	\$4.29	\$4.79	\$5.01	\$5.24	\$5.47

Section 2. That the following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates by, and there are hereby, fixed as rates to be charged for sewer services to be rendered by the System, effective for services on and after July 8, 2014

(a) Monthly Sewer Rates. All sewer charges shall be based on water consumption determined each month by meter measurement. The amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

INSIDE CITY LIMITS:

EFFECTIVE DATES SHALL BE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR EXCEPT FOR 2014. THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR 2014 SHALL BE JULY 8, 2014

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof (Minimum)	\$13.51	\$16.51	\$17.53	\$18.61	\$19.75
For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	\$5.17	\$6.17	\$6.51	\$6.87	\$7.25

MOBILE HOME PARKS AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES

Trailer Parks and apartment complexes with more than one unit connected to one water meter will be billed according to the following schedule of rates:

Each unit will be charged fee allowed for the 2,000 gallon minimum based, all excess usage shall be:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sewer rates:					
For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons	\$5.17	\$6.17	\$6.51	\$6.87	\$7.25

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
** For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof	\$20.26	\$24.76	\$26.29	\$27.91	\$29.62
For all monthly water consumption per 1,000 gallons in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	\$7.75	\$9.25	\$9.76	\$10.30	\$10.87

** (Amounts are based on standard 5/8 inch meters usage and based on inside city rates at 150 percent.)

- (b) Each user of the sewer facilities of the System shall be classified as either domestic or commercial on the basis of whether the water consumption for the user is for domestic or commercial purposes. In the case of domestic users, the average monthly water consumption for the months of January, February, March, October, November, and December of the calendar year preceding that in which sewer bills are rendered shall be computed separately for each domestic user and a uniform monthly charge for each domestic user shall be determined by applying the schedule of rates to the average monthly water consumption so computed. For residential sewer charges without history, a set charge will be assessed until which time a history of at least 3 of the months specified can be used to obtain an average usage.
- (c) In the case of commercial users, the monthly water consumption for the month in which the sewer bills are rendered shall be computed separately for each commercial user and the sewer charge for each commercial user shall be determined by applying the schedule of rates to the monthly water consumption so computed; provided that in the case of a user using an appreciable amount of water that does not reach the sewer facilities of the System, there shall be determined, upon request by such commercial user, the percentage of the total water usage that does reach the sewer facilities of the System, and the schedule shall be applied to that percentage.

- (d) In the case of domestic users for whom average monthly water consumption as provided above, cannot be computed, the charge shall be based on water consumption for such month or months as shall be determined to be fair and equitable.
- (e) None of the sewer facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.

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 the 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. It has been found and it is hereby declared that it is necessary that rates be adjusted in order to meet the minimum debt service requirement ratio of 115% and are necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and to remove existing hazards thereto; the ratio cap cannot be met until the rates for water and sewer are increased. Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance being necessary to the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of December, 2015.

APPROVED:

BOB STACY

Mayor

ATTEST

CAROL PHILLIPS

CITY CLERK

(SEAL)