

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1415-2002, 1497-2007, 1527-2008, 1542-2009, 1569-2010, 1583-2011, 1595-2012, 1603-2013, 1616-2014, 1624-2016, 1655-2017, 1676-2018, 1686-2019, 1695-2020, 1707-2021, 1720-2022, 1743-2023, AND 1756-2024
FROM CHAPTER 25, "WATER", OF THE CITY OF LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES
PERTAINING TO ARTICLE IV. "RATES AND CHARGES",
SECTION 25-53: WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the Administration and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi have previously adopted ordinances establishing the rates for the water services for the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel recommends a 3.0% increase in the water rates beginning August 01, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council that the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 25, "Water", Article IV. "Rates and Charges", Section 25-53: Water Rate Schedule be amended as follows:

PRESENTLY, this Section now states:

Section 25-53. Water Rate Schedule.

WATER RATE SCHEDULE

Residential Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$15.88 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Three Dollars and ninety-nine cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$3.99/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$23.91 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Five Dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$5.95/1,000)

Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$23.91 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Three Dollars and ninety-nine cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$3.99/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$35.81 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Five Dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$5.95/1,000)

Industrial Customers:

Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Four Dollars and eighty-four cents per thousand gallons used (\$4.84/1,000). To qualify for Industrial rates, the customer shall average five million (5,000,000) or more gallons/month for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the following month's City of Laurel Water Department billing cycle.

Bulk Water Sales: All bulk water sales from Water Plant #2 shall be charged Six Dollars and eighteen cents per thousand gallons (\$6.18/1,000)

Source: Ordinance No. 1415-2002, 9-3-02; Ordinance No. 1497-2007, Art. IV, § 25-53, 8-7-07; Ordinance No. 1527-2008, Art. IV, §25-53, 11-26-08; Ordinance No. 1542-2009, §25-53, 9-8-2009; Ordinance No. 1569-2010, §25-53, 9-21-10 §25-53, 10-18-2011 Ordinance No. 1583-2011, Ordinance No. 1595-2012, 10-4- 2012. Ordinance No. 1603-2012, 10-10-2013, Ordinance No. 1613-2014, 6-18-2014. Ordinance No. 1616-2014, 10-7-2014; Ordinance No. 1634-2016, 3-22-2016; Ordinance No. 1655-2017, 4-4-2017; Ordinance No. 1676-2018, 3-20-2018, Ordinance No. 1686-2018, 3-19-2019, Ordinance No. 1696-2020, 3-17-2020, Ordinance No. 1707-2021, 3-16-2021, Ordinance No. 1743-2023, 4-19-2023.

THE REVISED section in bold lettering would now read as follows:

Section 25-53. Water Rate Schedule.

WATER RATE SCHEDULE

Residential Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$16.36 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Four Dollars and eleven cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$4.11/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$24.63 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Six Dollars and thirteen cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$6.13/1,000)

Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$24.63 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Four Dollars and eleven cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$4.11/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$36.88 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Six Dollars and thirteen cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$6.13/1,000)

Industrial Customers:

Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Four Dollars and ninty-nine cents per thousand gallons used (\$4.99/1,000). To qualify for Industrial rates, the customer shall average five million (5,000,000) or more gallons/month for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the following month's City of Laurel Water Department billing cycle.

Bulk Water Sales: All bulk water sales from Water Plant #2 shall be charged Six Dollars and thirty-seven cents per thousand gallons (\$6.37/1,000)

Source: Ordinance No. 1415-2002, 9-3-02; Ordinance No. 1497-2007, Art. IV, § 25-53, 8-7-07; Ordinance No. 1527-2008, Art. IV, §25-53, 11-26-08; Ordinance No. 1542-2009, §25-53, 9-8-2009; Ordinance No. 1569-2010, §25-53, 9-21-10 §25-53, 10-18-2011 Ordinance No. 1583-2011, Ordinance No. 1595-2012, 10-4- 2012. Ordinance No. 1603-2012, 10-10-2013, Ordinance No. 1613-2014, 6-18-2014. Ordinance No. 1616-2014, 10-7-2014; Ordinance No. 1634-2016, 3-22-2016; Ordinance No. 1655-2017, 4-4-2017; Ordinance No. 1676-2018, 3-20-2018, Ordinance No. 1686-2018, 3-19-2019, Ordinance No. 1696-2020, 3-17-2020, Ordinance No. 1707-2021, 3-16-2021, Ordinance No. 1743-2023, 4-19-2023, Ordinance No. 1756-2024, 3-19-2024.

That upon its second reading, this Ordinance shall become effective on August 01, 2025 to ensure that the public utility fund can remain adequately funded.

SO ORDAINED this the 17th day of June, A.D., 2025. Motion was made by Councilperson Carmichael, and seconded by Councilperson Capers, for the adoption of the above and foregoing first reading of said Ordinance.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Kelly, Thaxton, Carmichael, Amos, Jordan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ellis

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the First reading of said Ordinance adopted this the 17th day of June, A.D., 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON
JUNE _____, 2025.

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE_____

VETOED () DATE_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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