

## **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 08<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025. Motion was made by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, for the adoption of the above and foregoing Order.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 08<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON JULY \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED ( ) DATE\_\_\_\_\_

VETOED ( ) DATE\_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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