

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER
25-WATER, ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES SECTION 25-51. METERS**

WHEREAS, the administration has determined that all water furnished by the City shall be metered, except fire sprinkler systems (See **Exhibit A**); and

WHEREAS, the Laurel Code of Ordinances must now be amended to reflect this distinction

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Laurel City Council that the Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 25-WATER, ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES. SECTION 25-51. METERS be amended as follows

The current ordinance states:

ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES*

Section 25-51. Meters

All water furnished by the City shall be metered. When a meter is not functioning properly, then the City may bill an average of the three (3) monthly water charges prior to the meter malfunctioning. The City shall repair the meter within six (6) months of notice of its malfunctioning, but this requirement does not affect the right of the City to continue billing on the average method. Bills therefore, shall be rendered monthly and shall be due and payable within ten (10) days of billing. After thirty (30) days a late fee of three percent (3%) of the total bill will be added to the customer's bill.

Source: Ordinance No. 1105-1987, Art. IV, § 28-51, 10-20-87, Ordinance No. 1613-2014, 6-18-2014., Ordinance No. 1618-2014 10-7-2014.

State Law Reference --- Testing of water, electric and gas meters, Miss. Code 1972, §21-27-9

Cross Reference --- Municipal authorities inspecting public utilities, see §21-27-37

**Cross Reference --- Power of City to set water rates, Miss. Code 1972, Sec. 21-27-7*

The amended ordinance will state (changes in bold):

ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES*

Section 25-51. Meters

All water furnished by the City shall be metered, **except fire sprinkler systems**. When a meter is not functioning properly, then the City may bill an average of the three (3) monthly water charges prior to the meter malfunctioning. The City shall repair the meter within six (6) months of notice of its malfunctioning, but this requirement does not affect the right of the City to continue billing on the average method. Bills therefore, shall be rendered monthly and shall be due and payable within ten (10) days of billing. After thirty (30) days a late fee of three percent (3%) of the total bill will be added to the customer's bill.

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This Ordinance shall take effect from and after thirty (30) days from the second reading of the Ordinance
SO ORDAINED this 2nd day of June, A.D.,2026.

Motion was made by Councilperson Amos, and seconded by Councilperson Scruggs, for the adoption of the First Reading of said Ordinance.

Upon roll call vote, the result follows:

YEAS: Capers, Scruggs, Thomas, Amos, Allen

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kelly, Carmichael

The Vice-President thereupon declared the motion carried and the First Reading of this Ordinance approved, this the 2nd day of June, A.D., 2026.

VICE-PRESIDENT of the COUNCIL

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

CLERK of the COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE : _____

VETOED () DATE : _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
