

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 675-1973, 1416-2002, 1422-2002, 1528-2008, 1541-2009, 1568-2010, 1584-2011, 1594-2012, 1604-2013, 1615-2014, 1635-2016, 1656-2017, 1677-2018, 1687-2019, 1696-2020, 1708-2021, 1721-2022, 1744-2023, 1757-2024, AND 1766-2025 FROM CHAPTER 20, "SEWERS", OF THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I., "SEWER CONNECTIONS:", SECTION 20-11: SEWER RATE SCHEDULE TO ESTABLISH RATE FOR COUNTY-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

**WHEREAS**, the Administration and City Council of the City of Laurel, Mississippi have previously adopted an ordinance establishing the rates for the sewer services for the City of Laurel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration and the City Council seek to establish a sewer rate for County-Owned Health Care Facilities

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council that the City of Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, "Sewers", Article I., "Sewer Connections", Section 20-11 be amended to add the category of County-Owned Health Care Facilities.

PRESENTLY, THIS SECTION NOW STATES:

Section 20-11. Sewer Rate Schedule.

The following Sewer Rate Schedule shall apply to each user of the sewage works located in the City of Laurel service area.

SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

Residential Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$23.88 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Six Dollars and thirty-seven cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$6.37/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$36.31 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Nine Dollars and fifty-four cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$9.54/1,000)

Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$27.06 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Six Dollars and thirty-seven cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$6.37/1,000)

However, any customer who, on or before the effective date of this ordinance, is discharging non-city generated water into the city sewer system in a volume not less than Three Million (3,000,000) gallons per month average for the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the effective date of this ordinance, and continuing in such volume thereafter, will be charged Three Dollars and three cents per thousand gallons (\$3.03/1,000). This exception only applies to customers who meet this minimum volume on September 21, 2010.

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$40.54 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Nine Dollars and fifty-four cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$9.54/1,000)

Industrial Customers:

Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Four Dollars and forty cents per thousand gallons used (\$4.84/1,000). To qualify for Industrial rates, the meter 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.

Industrial users outside the City Limits of Laurel for which the City of Laurel does not provide the water shall pay for sewer at the rate of \$4.59 per thousand gallons of water used. Where a special pump station is required, such Industrial user shall pay an additional fee of \$937.20 per month for operation and maintenance.

*Source: Ordinance No. 1416-2002, 9-3-02; Ordinance No. 1422-2002, 10-22-02; Ordinance No. 1528-2008, Art. I, §§20-9, 20-11, 11-26-08; Ordinance No. 1541-2009, §20-11, 9-8-09; Ordinance No. 1568-2010, 9/21/2010; Ordinance 1584-2011, 10-18-2011 Ordinance No. 1594-2012, 10-2-2012; Ordinance No. 1604-2013, 10-8-2013; Ordinance No. 1615-2014, 10-7-2014; Ordinance No. 1656-2017, 4-4-2017; Ordinance No. 1677-2018, 3-20-2018, Ordinance No. 1687-2019, 3-19-2019, Ordinance No. 1696-2020, 3-17-2020; Ordinance No. 1708-2021, 3-16-2021, Ordinance No. 1757-2024, 3/19/2024; Ordinance No. 1766-2025, 01/07/2025*

THE REVISED SECTION, WITH THE CHANGE NOTED IN BOLD LETTERING, WOULD NOW READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 20-11. Sewer Rate Schedule.

The following Sewer Rate Schedule shall apply to each user of the sewage works located in the City of Laurel service area.

SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

Residential Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$24.60 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Six Dollars and fifty-six cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$6.56/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$37.40 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Nine Dollars and eighty-three cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$9.83/1,000)

Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$27.87 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Six Dollars and fifty-six cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$6.56/1,000) However, any customer who, on or before the effective date of this ordinance, is discharging non-city generated water into the city sewer system in a volume not less than Three Million (3,000,000) gallons per month average for the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the effective date of this ordinance, and continuing in such volume thereafter, will be charged Three Dollars and twelve cents per thousand gallons (\$3.12/1,000). This exception only applies to customers who meet this minimum volume on September 21, 2010.

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$41.76 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Nine Dollars and eighty-three cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$9.83/1,000)

Industrial Customers:

Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Four Dollars and ninety-nine cents per thousand gallons used (\$4.99/1,000). To qualify for Industrial rates, the meter 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.

Industrial users outside the City Limits of Laurel for which the City of Laurel does not provide the water shall pay for sewer at the rate of \$4.73 per thousand gallons of water used. Where a special pump station is required, such Industrial user shall pay an additional fee of \$965.32 per month for operation and maintenance.

County-Owned Health Care Facility:

**Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Seven Dollars and forty-nine cents per thousand gallons used (\$7.49/1,000).**

*Source: Ordinance No. 1416-2002, 9-3-02; Ordinance No. 1422-2002, 10-22-02; Ordinance No. 1528-2008, Art. I, §§20-9, 20-11, 11-26-08; Ordinance No. 1541-2009, §20-11, 9-8-09; Ordinance No. 1568-2010, 9/21/2010; Ordinance 1584-2011, 10-18-2011 Ordinance No. 1594-2012, 10-2-2012; Ordinance No. 1604-2013, 10-8-2013; Ordinance No. 1615-2014, 10-7-2014; Ordinance No.1656-2017, 4-4-2017; Ordinance No. 1677-2018, 3-20-2018; Ordinance No. 1687-2019, 3-19-2019; Ordinance No. 1696-2020, 3-17-2020; Ordinance No. 1708-2021; 3-16-2021, Ordinance No. 1721-2022, 3-22-2022; Ordinance No. 1744-2023, 3-21-2023; Ordinance No. 1757-2024, 3-19-2024; Ordinance No. 1766-2025, 01-07-2025;*

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after thirty (30) days following the second reading of the ordinance.

**SO ORDAINED** this the **17<sup>th</sup>** day of **MARCH**, A.D., 2026. Motion was made by Councilperson Capers seconded by Councilperson Scruggs, that the above and foregoing Ordinance be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Scruggs. Carmichael, Allen

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kelly, Thomas, Amos

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the First Reading of this Ordinance approved this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, A.D., 2026.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL  
ON MARCH \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2026.

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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