

**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, 1756-2024, 1772-2025, AND 1776-2025 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 Administration and the City Council seek to establish a water 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 25, "Water", Article IV. "Rates and Charges", Section 25-53 Water Rate Schedule be amended to add the category of County-Owned Health Care Facility.

PRESENTLY, THIS SECTION NOW STATES:

**WATER RATE SCHEDULE**

Service Charge Monthly and For Fractional Periods

The following Rate Schedule shall apply monthly to each user unless (a) the initial billing period is for a fraction of a month, in which case the quantity used shall be included in the quantity consumed in the next following month billing period and the assessment or charge made as if the total had been consumed in one billing period, or (b) the final billing period is for a fraction of a month in which case the quantity consumed shall be prorated.

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 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.

**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 1772-2025, §25-53, 07-08-2025, Ordinance No. 1776-2025, §25-53, 10-07-2025.*

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

#### WATER RATE SCHEDULE

##### Service Charge Monthly and For Fractional Periods

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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)

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##### 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.

##### **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).**

**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)

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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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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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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