

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, AND #1686-2019 FROM CHAPTER 25, "WATER", OF THE 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% increase in the water rates beginning May 1, 2019.

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 \$12.83 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Three Dollars and twenty-two cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$3.22/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$19.29 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Four Dollars and eighty-one cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$4.81/1,000)

Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$19.29 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Three Dollars and twenty-two cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$3.22/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$28.92 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Four Dollars and eighty-one cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$4.81/1,000)

Industrial Customers:

Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Three Dollars and ninety-one cents per thousand gallons used (\$3.91/1,000)

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 Four Dollars and ninety-nine cents per thousand gallons (\$4.99/1,000)

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 \$13.21 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Three Dollars and thirty-two cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$3.32/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$19.87 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Four Dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$4.95/1,000)

Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$19.87 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Three Dollars and thirty-two cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$3.32/1,000)

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$29.79 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Four Dollars and ninety-five cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$4.95/1,000)

Industrial Customers:

Will be charged a combined water/sewer rate of Four Dollars and three cents per thousand gallons used (\$4.03/1,000)

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 Five Dollars and fourteen cents per thousand gallons (\$5.14/1,000)

That upon its second reading, this Ordinance shall become effective on May 1, 2020 to ensure that the public utility fund can remain adequately funded.

SO ORDAINED this the 3rd day of March, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilperson Capers, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, for the adoption and approval of the first reading of said Ordinance at this regular meeting of the City Council.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the first reading of the Ordinance adopted, this the 3rd day of March, A.D., 2020.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON
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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE_____

VETOED () DATE_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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