

## **ORDINANCE NO. 1696-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 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, AND 1687-2019 FROM CHAPTER 20, "SEWERS", OF THE LAUREL CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ARTICLE I., "SEWER CONNECTIONS:, SECTION 20-11: SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

**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 City of Laurel recommends using a rate of 3.0% to increase the sewer rates beginning May 1, 2020.

**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 as follows:

PRESENTLY, this Section now states:

Section 20-11. Sewer Rate Schedule.

### **SEWER RATE SCHEDULE**

#### Residential Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$19.29 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Five Dollars and fourteen cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$5.14/1,000)  
Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$29.33 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Seven Dollars and seventy cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$7.70/1,000)

#### Commercial Customers:

Inside City Rate - minimum charge of \$21.84 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Five Dollars and fourteen cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$5.14/1,000).

**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 Two Dollars and forty-four cents per thousand gallons (\$2.44/1,000). This exception only applies to customers who meet this minimum volume on the September 21, 2010.**

Outside City Rate – minimum charge of \$32.75 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Seven Dollars and seventy cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$7.70/1,000)

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 use an average of five million (5,000,000) or more gallons a 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 \$3.71 per thousand gallons of water used. Where a special pump station is required, such Industrial user shall pay an additional fee of \$757.00 per month for operation and maintenance.

THE REVISED section 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 \$19.87 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Five Dollars and thirty cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$5.30/1,000)

**Outside City Rate** – minimum charge of \$30.21 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Seven Dollars and ninety-three cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$7.93/1,000)

**Commercial Customers:**

**Inside City Rate** - minimum charge of \$22.50 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Five Dollars and thirty cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$5.30/1,000)

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 Two Dollars and fifty-one cents per thousand gallons (\$2.51/1,000). This exception only applies to customers who meet this minimum volume on September 21, 2010.

**Outside City Rate** – minimum charge of \$33.73 for 3,000 gallons or any part thereof plus Seven Dollars and ninety-three cents per thousand gallons used beyond the first 3,000 gallons (\$7.93/1,000)

**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.

**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 \$3.82 per thousand gallons of water used. Where a special pump station is required, such Industrial user shall pay an additional fee of \$780.00 per month for operation and maintenance.**

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020. Motion was made by Councilperson Wheat, seconded by Councilperson Carmichael, for the adoption and approval of the Second Reading of said Ordinance at this regular meeting of the City Council.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Second Reading of the Ordinance adopted, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2020.

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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\_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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