

ORDINANCE NO. 206

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE GARFIELD RURAL WATER SYSTEM AND THE GARFIELD RURAL WATER SYSTEM SUGAR CREEK EXTENSION AND REPEALING PRIOR RATES FOR SUCH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates the Garfield Rural Water System and the Garfield Rural Water System Sugar Creek extension ("Garfield Public Waterworks District"); and

WHEREAS, the City must recover through rates charged to the customers of the Garfield Public Waterworks District, the costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the Garfield Public Waterworks District, together with the costs of certain betterments and improvements to the system which are necessary to make the systems adequate to serve the needs of the customers; and

WHEREAS, existing water rates and charges established by Ordinance 189, adopted and approved September 8, 2020, are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Garfield Public Waterworks District; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Ordinance 189 be repealed in order to increase rates charged for the services of the Garfield Public Waterworks District; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield City Council, after necessary and complete review, proposes, to increase water rates, upon passage of this ordinance, to insure we continue safe, efficient, and economical operations of the Garfield Public Waterworks District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the Garfield, AR.

Section 1: All previously adopted resolutions and ordinances are now permanently incorporated into the Garfield Public Waterworks District rate structure, and all other prior Ordinances and or Resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section 2: Monthly Water Rates: That the following monthly base charges and volumetric rates are as follows.

MONTHLY WATER RATES

RATE CODE 1: MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR THE GARFIELD RURAL WATER SYSTEM, INSIDE CITY LIMITS

The minimum monthly base charge \$18.46 includes first 1,000 gallons used, volumetric rate; \$14.49, per 1,000 gallons after first 1,000 gallons

Customers will be billed for inside city sales tax, trash service, assessments, and fees.

RATE CODE 3: MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR THE GARFIELD RURAL WATER SYSTEM, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

The minimum monthly base charge \$20.30 includes first 1,000 gallons used, volumetric rate; \$15.90, per 1,000 gallons after first 1,000 gallons

Customers will be billed for outside city sales tax, trash service, assessments, and fees.

RATE 4: MONTHLY COMMERCIAL RATES FOR THE GARFIELD RURAL WATER SYSTEM, INSIDE CITY LIMITS

The minimum monthly base charge \$18.46, there after a volumetric rate of; \$14.49, per 1,000 gallons

Customers will be billed for inside city sales tax, trash service, assessments, and fees.

RATE 6: MONTHLY COMMERCIAL RATES FOR THE GARFIELD RURAL WATER SYSTEM, OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

The minimum monthly base charge \$20.30, there after a volumetric rate of; \$15.90, per 1,000 gallons

Customers will be billed for outside city sales tax, trash service, assessments, and fees.

MONTHLY WATER RATES

BULK WATER RATES

The minimum monthly base charge \$25.60, plus a volumetric rate of; \$15.77, per 1,000 gallons.

Customers will be billed for the appropriate sales tax, assessments, and fees.

Section 3: Meters Required

There shall be no free water furnished by the Garfield Public Waterworks District. All residential buildings and consumers using and receiving water must be equipped with an adequate water meter furnished by the Garfield Public Waterworks District. Bulk water will be metered with a Fire Hydrant meter.

Section 4: Contingency Clause

The City reserves the right to increase rates by the same rate, should the wholesaler and/or the state raise their rates in the future.

Section 5: Severability

If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not render the remaining sections or provisions of this Ordinance unconstitutional or affect the validity of the same.

Section 6: Emergency Clause

It is determined that the providing of a safe and sufficient supply of treated water is essential to the wellbeing of the City and its inhabitants and that an emergency is declared to exist in that the water rates and charges contained in this Ordinance are necessary to provide adequate funds for the operation, maintenance, and financing of the water system of the City of Garfield. Therefore, due to this emergency and as this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its inhabitants this ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of the date of its adoption and shall be implemented as of the dates set forth in this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2022

APPROVED:



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Gary Blackburn, Mayor

Attest:



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Christal Allen, Recorder-Treasurer