

Bill No.

2024-09

Ordinance No.

1244

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASH GROVE, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 700.360. RATE SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS, the City of Ash Grove, Missouri, (“City”), is a municipal corporation located in Greene, County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has the authority under State Statutes and the Municipal Code to set and adjust sewer service charge rates; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged the services of Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) in February 2024 to perform a rate assessment of the City’s current sewer rates and projected sewer rate needs, to facilitate the debt service and system improvements; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 700.360 of the Municipal Code establishes sewer service charge rates service furnished by the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City of Ash Grove; and

WHEREAS, based on the rate assessment, the City’s current sewer service charge rates set in 2019; are not sufficient to maintain the water system at the current expenses and maintenance costs, and must be increased in order for the City to breakeven; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 8, 2024, at least thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing, the City published a Notice of Public Hearing in *The Greene County Commonwealth*, a newspaper of general circulation within and throughout the City, advising the public of the date, time and location for said hearing; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, the Board of Aldermen conducted the public hearing, as scheduled and consistent with the above-referenced notice, at which time all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to speak and present evidence on the matter; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, and upon review, the Board of Aldermen hereby find that approval of the proposed sewer service charge rate adjustment is necessary to maintain the current sewer system expenses and maintenance costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ASH GROVE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: ARTICLE IV User Charge System, Section 700.360 Rate Schedule, is hereby repealed and new Section 700.360 is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

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Subsection 700.360 Rate Schedule

A. The schedule of sewer service charge rates for operation and maintenance and debt retirement which shall be applied to the water usage of all residences, dwelling units, buildings, and structures connected to the sanitary sewer system of the City shall be as follows:

1. Sewer rate schedule for all uses inside the corporate limits of the City shall be as follows:

a. A fixed monthly fee of nineteen dollars and fifty cents (\$19.50).

b. Monthly flow charge of two dollars and sixty cents (\$2.60) per 1,000 gallons.

2. Sewer charge rate schedule for all users outside the corporate limits of the City shall be charged one and one-half (1 ½) times the inside sewer rate:

a. A fixed monthly fee of twenty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$29.25).

b. Monthly flow charge of three dollars and ninety cents (\$3.90) per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 2: All other Sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Ash Grove, Missouri, not specifically referenced in this Ordinance, shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: The Whereas clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision hereof is declared invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force and after its passage as provided by law.


READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ASH GROVE, MISSOURI THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE 2024.

APPROVED:



Mayor, Caleb Smith, City of Ash Grove

ATTEST:



Melissa J Mau, City Clerk