

Bill No. 2024-08

Ordinance No. 1243

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASH GROVE, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 700. WATER AND SEWERS. ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS. SECTION 700.050. WATER RATES.

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 water 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 water rates and projected water rate needs, to facilitate the debt service and system improvements; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 700.050 of the Municipal Code establishes rates for water 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 water rates set in 2016; 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 water rate adjustments is necessary to maintain the current water 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SECTION 1: CHAPTER 700, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 700.050, WATER RATES, is hereby repealed and new Section 700.050 is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

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- A. The monthly rates required, and which shall be charged and collected by the City of Ash Grove for water and sewer service furnished by the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City of Ash Grove shall be as follows:
1. A fixed monthly fee of fifteen dollars twenty-nine cents (\$15.29), not including any gallons metered.
 2. A monthly water consumption fee, based on the metered use or the adjusted use at a rate of three dollars thirty cents (\$4.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallons rounded to the nearest one hundred (100) gallons. Gallons between zero (0) and fifty (50) shall be rounded to the next lower one hundred (100) gallon increment. Gallons between fifty-one (51) and ninety-nine (99) shall be rounded to the next higher one hundred (100) gallon increment. The cost per one thousand (1,000) gallons to remain constant for all gallons metered.
- B. *Rate And One-Half And Payment In Lieu Of Taxes.* Any and all water and water-related services provided for residential, commercial or industrial establishments located outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Ash Grove, Missouri, shall be charged one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the rates for all water and water-related services provided to all establishments residing within the City limits of Ash Grove, Missouri.

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