AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASSVILLE, MISSOURI, REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 700.040 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODES

WHEREAS, the City of Cassville is a municipal corporation of the fourth class located in Barry County, Missouri, being duly created, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Section 700.040 of the municipal codes sets forth requirements for deposits on water and/or sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the existing code does not include provisions to require a deposit for hydrant meters which are primarily used by contractors to fill tanker trucks; and

WHEREAS, a deposit is justified for hydrant meters not only to address potential nonpayment but also to ensure the safe return of the equipment as it is left in the care of the customer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desire to revise the municipal code to include a requirement for an account deposit for the use of a city owned hydrant meter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cassville, County of Barry, State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 700.040 of the municipal codes is repealed and a new Section 700.040 is enacted that reads as shown the attached Exhibit A

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April, 2023.

Bill Shiveley, Mayor

Cherry Bailey, City Clerk

Donald L. Cupps, City Attorney

Section 700.040 Account Deposit.

A. Deposits.

- Each applicant for water and/or sewer service will be required to place a deposit with the City of Cassville per the following schedule:
 - a. One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for residential (owner-occupied) account.
 - b. One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for business account [usage less than ten thousand (10,000) gallons per month].
 - c. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for landlord account.
 - d. One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for residential (rental) account.
 - e. Commercial/industrial account [usage over ten thousand (10,000) gallons per month]: deposit equal to estimated average monthly usage for industry.
 - f. Eight Hundred dollars (\$800.00) for a 2" or larger hydrant meter.
 - g. Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a hydrant meter smaller than 2".
- 2. Upon request for termination of service, the amount so deposited will be returned to the depositor, provided all water and sewerage charges due the City are currently paid in full. If there are water or sewerage fees due the City, the amount of such fees will be first deducted from the deposit and the balance thereof, if any, returned to the depositor upon termination of service.
- B. The minimum deposit is required for all new accounts regardless of past payment history. The City may, at its option, require a water account deposit of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for residential (owner-occupied) and business accounts; one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for landlord accounts and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for residential (rental) accounts for any user that has left an unpaid past due account or who has previously had a bad payment history for utilities with the City of Cassville. Bad payment history includes late payments, returned checks, or shutoff for non-payment within the last twelve (12) consecutive months.

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