

CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI

BILL NO. 2023-18

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the water of the City is supplied by the Howard County Regional Water Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Water Commission has voted to raise its rates from \$6.50 per 1000 gallons to \$7.01 per thousand gallons (a \$0.51 raise) effective January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Water Commission has announced its intent to impose an addition \$0.24 raise in March of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette water system is supported solely by the fees charged to its customers and the general revenue of the City cannot be used to subsidize the system, necessitating passing these costs on to the City's customers

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION ONE. The City Code is hereby amended by repealing section 705.300 and enacting one new section in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

Section 705.300 Rate Schedule.

- A. Rate schedules for water and water service are fixed by the owner. The rate schedule is subject to change by action of the owner, with the approval of the State Director of the USDA, Rural Development, so long as the owner has unpaid obligations which are held or insured by the United States of America. If a provision of the rules and regulations conflicts with the provision of the rate schedule, the provision of the rate schedule shall prevail. If the total amount of revenue and income derived from the collection of the water rates is insufficient to meet the payment of the costs of operation, maintenance, depreciation, necessary extensions and enlargements and payment of the principal and interest on any general and special obligation bonds, then outstanding with their attendant obligations pursuant to the obligation bonds, then outstanding with their attendant obligations pursuant to the terms of the bonds and the authorizing resolutions, the owner shall increase the water

rates for the first (1st) month thereafter in an amount sufficient to meet these costs and obligations.

- B. The owner may require, at its discretion, for meters to be ready by the water users and readings reported to the owner.
- C. The minimum rate for each dwelling unit shall be:
 - a. Beginning January 1, 2024, a minimum rate of \$25.00 for each dwelling unit plus \$11.23 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons per month used or any fraction thereof.
 - b. Beginning January 1, 2024, for property outside the city limits, a minimum rate of \$32.00 for each dwelling unit plus \$12.31 for each one thousand (1,000) gallons per month used or any fraction thereof.
 - c. Beginning January 1, 2025, and each subsequent January 1st thereafter, the minimum rate and the additional use rate shall increase 5% per annum.

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

Read two times by title, copies of the proposed ordinance having been made available for public inspection prior to the time the bill is under consideration by the Board of Aldermen and passed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette, Missouri this 26th day of December 2023.



Jeremy Dawson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Thompson
City Clerk

