

First Reading: 03/25/2024

Second Reading: 04/08/2024

Bill No.: 24-18

Ordinance No.: 240325B

**AN ORDINANCE** amending Title VII, Utilities, Chapter 710, Sewer Use and Sewer Rates, Article VII, Wastewater Charges and Rates, Section 710.470, Rates, of the Municipal Code of the City of Willard.

WHEREAS, the City of Willard owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system permitted by the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard is under contract with the City of Springfield to provide certain services for the transportation and treatment of a portion of the total wastewater flow under the control of the City of Willard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has continued to increase costs for providing wastewater services for the City of Willard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard has experienced a continual increase of costs for operating, and maintaining the wastewater system of the City of Willard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard has found it necessary to raise the sewer rates for City customers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The City does hereby amend Title VII, Utilities, Chapter 710, Sewer Use and Sewer Rates, Article VII, Wastewater Charges and Rates, Section 710.470, Rates, of the Municipal Code of the City of Willard.

#### SECTION 710.470: RATES

A. The schedule of wastewater service rates, which shall be applied to the water usage of all residences, buildings, structures, and users connected to the POTW, shall be as follows:

1. Effective April 19, 2024 the schedule of wastewater service rates shall be as follows:
  - a. There shall be assessed to each residential user of the POTW a basic customer charge of \$28.83 per month, and each Commercial user of the POTW a basic customer charge of \$35.10 per month.
  - b. There shall be assessed to each non-city resident user of the POTW a basic customer charge of \$31.37 per month for residential addresses and \$40.12 for commercial.
  - c. In addition to the basic customer charge per month, there shall be an additional monthly volume charge to all users which shall be computed as follows: \$6.44 per 1000 gallons for residential and Commercial users, and \$7.00 per 1000 gallons for rural residential and rural commercial users, or fraction thereof, used per month.

NOTE: Language that is **Bold and Underlined** has been added and language that has been [~~struck-through and bracketed~~] shall be deleted.

Section 2: Savings Clause. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance. In the event of any conflict between this ordinance and any other law, regulation, or ordinance, the more restrictive shall apply.

Section 3: Severability Clause. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Aldermen hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning on April 19, 2024.

  
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Mayor

Attest:   
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City Clerk Dona Slater

Approved as to form:   
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City Attorney Holly Dodge

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI  
ON THE 8 DAY OF April, 2024.