

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 896;
ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE
WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS;
DESCRIBING MATTERS RELATING THERETO;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Osceola, Arkansas (the City) owns and operates water and sewer facilities and it has been determined that certain existing rates are inadequate to maintain, repair and prepare for expansion and modernization of the City's facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Water and Wastewater Department wants to continue to supply its customers with quality products and prompt service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City finds that new rates should be established in order to accomplish and maintain these goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the city of Osceola, Arkansas that Ordinance 2013 - 896 be rescinded and new rates be set as follows.

SECTION 1. WATER AND SEWER RATES

(a) Residential & Church Water and Sewer Rates

Service Fee	\$ 10.00
Each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$ 3.00 per 1,000 gal.

Residential Sewer Rates 70% of the Cost of the Water Rates
Yard sprinkler systems metered individually, no sewer charge.

(b) Commercial Water and Sewer Rates

Service Fee	\$ 10.00
Each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$ 3.50 per 1000 gal.

Commercial Sewer Rates 100% of the Cost of the Water Rates
Yard sprinkler systems metered individually, no sewer charge.

(c) Industrial Water and Sewer Rates

Service Fee	\$15.00
Each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$ 3.50 per 1000 gal.

Industrial Sewer Rates 100% of the Cost of the Water Rates
Yard sprinkler systems metered individually, no sewer charge.

SECTION 2. FIRE SUPPLY LINE FEES

That fire supply lines which provide a readily available supply of water for the purpose of extinguishing or impeding the spread of fire shall be charged a monthly service fee based on the area of the pipe opening. Rates shall be as follows;

6" = 28 sq. inches	@ \$1.00 per sq. inch = \$28.00 monthly service fee.
8" = 50 sq. inches	@ \$1.00 per sq. inch = \$50.00 monthly service fee.
10" = 78 sq. inches	@ \$1.00 per sq. inch = \$78.00 monthly service fee.
12" = 113 sq. inches	@ \$1.00 per sq. inch = \$113.00 monthly service fee.
15" = 176 sq. inches	@ \$1.00 per sq. inch = \$176.00 monthly service fee.

SECTION 3. TAP FEE

That all water taps by the City of Osceola Water Department shall be billed at cost, including parts, labor and other expenses directly related to the tap; and

That upon the approval of the Osceola Water and Wastewater Superintendent, licensed contractors may be allowed to do water and sewer taps for projects they have contracted.

SECTION 4. PLANNING, REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

That during the annual budgeting cycle, an appointed committee shall complete a review of Osceola's water and wastewater operational capabilities and demand; and

That a projection of future needs and cost of implementation shall be determined by the committee and presented to the Mayor, Financial Director and City Council for consideration of adjustments to rates.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTS

That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. VALIDITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation or to any circumstance held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions for application of the Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions of application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be separable. And such invalidity shall in no manner affect the other provisions of this Ordinance or in any manner prevent this enforcement.

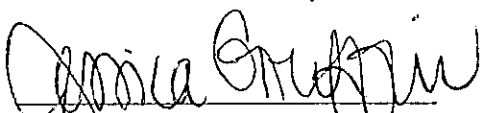
SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE

This Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and it shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF December, 2015.


Dickie Kennemore, Mayor

Attest:


Jessica Griffin, City Clerk, Treasurer