

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2015

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER SERVICES
SUPPLIED BY THE CITY OF VAN BUREN AND REPEALING PRIOR
RATES FOR SUCH SERVICES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a potable water distribution system and

WHEREAS, the City must recover through rates charged to the customers of the system, the cost associated with the operation and maintenance of the system together with the cost of certain betterments and improvements to the system which are necessary to make the system adequate to serve the needs of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, existing water rates and charges established by Ordinance No. 30-2011 of the City adopted and approved October 12, 2011 are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the system and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Ordinance No. 30-2011 be repealed in order to increase rates charged for the services of the system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission, after a necessary and complete review, has recommended the rate increase to the City Council as being in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, when used in this Ordinance, the term "Water for Resale" shall refer to water purchased by Van Buren contract water users. The contract water users of Van Buren's system are Oak Grove Water Users Association and Sequoyah County Water Users Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas that:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2016, the following monthly minimum charges and volume charges are established as the rates for customers of the Van Buren Municipal Utility Water system of Van Buren.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Volume</u>
<u>Residential</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Charges per 1000 Gallons</u>
3/4 "	\$4.75	\$4.39
1"	\$7.75	\$4.39
1 1/2"	\$15.65	\$4.39
2"	\$27.50	\$4.39

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Volume</u>
<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Charges per 1000 Gallons</u>
3/4 "	\$4.75	
1"	\$8.95	\$3.81
1 1/2"	\$19.75	\$3.81
2"	\$29.65	\$3.81
3"	\$65.50	\$3.81
4"	\$125.75	\$3.81

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Volume</u>
<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Charges per 1000 Gallons</u>
3/4 "	\$7.85	\$3.54
1"	\$11.85	\$3.54
1 1/2"	\$19.75	\$3.54
2"	\$29.65	\$3.54
3"	\$65.50	\$3.54
4"	\$175.75	\$3.54
6"	\$260.85	\$3.54

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Volume</u>
<u>Water for Resale</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Charges per 1000 Gallons</u>
2"	\$29.65	\$2.69
3"	\$65.50	\$2.69
4"	\$175.75	\$2.69
6"	\$260.85	\$2.69

<u>Fire Protection Systems</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Yearly Charge</u>
<u>All Sizes</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>	<u>per Sprinkler Head</u>
	\$4.00	\$0.30 divided by 12 to obtain monthly charge

The charge for customers outside the city limits shall be one and one-half (1 1/2) times the rates for customers inside city limits.

Section 2. In addition to the rates and charges established by this ordinance, the Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission, through its authorized representatives, is authorized and directed to cause the \$0.30 per active water


meter service per month charge mandated by Act 292 of 2007, or as amended, to be collected and to cause the sums collected to be paid to the Arkansas State Health Department pursuant to Act 292 of 2007.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance establish the monthly charges for water service by the City of Van Buren. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which have previously established such rates and charges are hereby repealed.

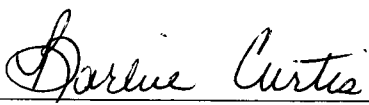
Section 4. Emergency Clause. It is determined that the providing of a safe and sufficient supply of treated water is essential to the well being of the City and its inhabitants and that an emergency is declared to exist in that the water rates and charges contained in this Ordinance are necessary to provide adequate funds for the operation, maintenance and financing of the water system of the City of Van Buren. Therefore, due to this emergency and as this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its inhabitants this ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of the date of its adoption and shall be implemented as of the dates set forth in this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st day of September, 2015.

APPROVED:


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS THAT RATES FOR THE SALE OF WATER BE INCREASED.

WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a potable water distribution system; and

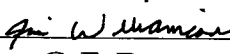
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WHEREAS, existing water rates and charges are established by Ordinance No. 30-2011 of the City adopted and approved October 12, 2011 ; and

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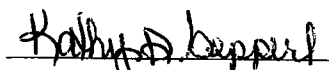
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission recommends to the Van Buren City Council that the existing ordinance establishing current water rates and charges be repealed and new rates and charges be enacted and become effective as shown in the proposed ordinance before the Council.

PASSED THIS 9th day of Sept, 2015.



C. E. Dougan, Chairman

Attest:



Kathy D. Geppert, Secretary