ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a water and sewer system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has determined that the System is in need of certain betterments and improvements (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements will be accomplished by the issuance of bonds secured by revenues of the System (the "bonds"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the issuance of the bonds that the City confirm the existing rates charged for water and sewer services rendered by the System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bryant, Arkansas:

Section 1. The following monthly rates and charges, which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates, are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for sewer services to be rendered by the System.

Monthly Sewer Rates. All sewer charges shall be based on water consumption. The amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024	January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025	On and after January 1, 2026
For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof	$20.29 (minimum charge)	$20.70 (minimum charge)	3% annual increase
All water consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons	$1.082 per 100 gallons	$1.104 per 100 gallons	3% annual increase

Customers receiving sewer services to locations outside of City limits will be charged double the prevailing minimum charge.

Each customer 65 years and older, with verification of age, shall receive a senior citizen discount of three dollars and eighty-one cents ($3.81), which shall be deducted from the monthly sewer bill.

Customers receiving sewer services that require grinder pumps permitted, operated and maintained by the City will be charged a flat monthly surcharge in the amount of $12.95 in addition to charges for sewer usage.

Section 2. The following monthly rates and charges, which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates, are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for water services to be rendered by the System.

Monthly Water Rates. All water charges shall be based on water consumption. The amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:

Meter Size	Minimum Charge
5/8"	$ 14.24
1"	21.37
1 1/2"	35.61
2"	71.23
3"	113.97
4"	213.69
6"	712.29

All consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons: $0.685 per 100 gallons

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:

Meter Size	Minimum Charge
5/8"	$ 14.53
1"	21.80
1 1/2"	36.33
2"	72.65
3"	116.24
4"	217.96
6"	726.53

All consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons: $0.698 per 100 gallons

On and after January 1, 2026

3% annual increase

Customers receiving water services to locations outside of City limits will be charged double the prevailing minimum charge.

Each customer 65 years and older, with verification of age, shall receive a senior citizen discount of three dollars and eighty-one cents ($3.81), which shall be deducted from the monthly water bill.

If the City determines that it is necessary to purchase from any secondary water provider, customers will be charged an additional surcharge of $0.04 per 100 gallons of water consumption, in addition to the then-prevailing water rates, for the month in which the City purchases from said secondary provider.

Section 3. (a) All sewer customers of the System (including sewer customers who receive water from sources other than the System and occupants of mobile homes and apartments which have no separate water meter) shall be charged a monthly fee (the "System Infrastructure Fee") to be used solely for the repayment of bonds and loans secured by revenues of the System ("System Bonds"). The System Infrastructure Fee will be paid by all sewer customers regardless of the amount of water used or wastewater discharged. All revenues derived from the System Infrastructure Fee shall be used solely for payment of debt service (principal, interest, and trustee fees and expenses) of System Bonds.

(b) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each mobile home, with or without a separate water meter, shall be $15.

(c) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each apartment, residential dwelling unit, with or without a separate water meter, shall be $15.

(d) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each new residential dwelling unit of any type, with or without a separate water meter, shall be $15.

(e) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each health care facility shall be based on meter size.

(f) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for each State funded facility shall be based on meter size.

(g) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for commercial establishments shall be based on meter size. Any additional unit without a separate water meter shall be $15.

(h) The monthly System Infrastructure Fee for all other sewer customers will be based on meter size.

(i) The System Infrastructure Fee for all other sewer customers shall be based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	System Infrastructure Fee
5/8" & 3/4"	$ 15.00
1"	50.00
1 1/2"	100.00
2"	160.00
3"	320.00
4"	505.00
6"	1,010.00

(j) All meters will see a 5% increase in the System Infrastructure Fee per annum.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5. All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED: August 27, 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

_____
Mayor

_____
City Clerk

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Bryant, Arkansas, hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordinance No. _____, adopted at a regular session of the City Council of the City of Bryant, Arkansas, held at the regular meeting place in said City at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on the 27th day of August, 2024, and that the Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Record Book No. _____, Page _____, now in my possession.

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this 27th day of August, 2024.

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City Clerk

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