ORDINANCE NO. 2015-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 2011-30 AND EXTABLISH RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWER FACILITIES OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER 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, it is necessary for the City to amend the rates for calendar year 2015 and establish the rates for calendar years 2016, and 2017 for sewer services of the System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Amendment to Ordinance 2011-30

Ordinance No. 2011-30 is hereby amended by adding and replacing Sections 3 through 5 with the following:

Section 3. Sewer Rates for 2015

For sewer service billed by the City after January 1, 2015 the amount paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:	*$16.41 (minimum charge)*
All water consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons:	*$0.840 per 100 gallons*

Section 4. Sewer Rates for 2016

For sewer service billed by the City after January 1, 2016 the amount paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:	*$16.46 (minimum charge)*
All water consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons:	*$0.852 per 100 gallons*

Section 5. Sewer Rates for 2017

For sewer service billed by the City after January 1, 2016 the amount paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month or portion thereof:	*$16.45 (minimum charge)*
All water consumption in excess of 2,000 gallons:	*$0.877 per 100 gallons*

Section 6. Non-Resident Customers

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

Section 7. Senior Citizen Discounts

Each customer 65 years and older, with verification of age, shall receive a senior citizen discount of three dollars and thirty cents ($3.30), which shall be deducted from the monthly sewer bill.

Section 8. Residential Grinder Pumps

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 $6.00 in addition to charges for sewer usage.

Section 9. Rate Review

(a) On or before August 30, 2015, the City shall review the rates set forth in Section 2 above to ensure that such rates will produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding bonds secured by water and sewer revenues ("System Bonds"), provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.

(b) On or before August 30, 2016, the City shall review the rates set forth in Section 3 above to ensure that such rates will produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.

(c) On or before June 30, 2017 and on or before June 30 of each third year thereafter, the City shall engage a duly qualified consulting (agent, engineer, firm) not in the regular employ of the City (an "Engineer") to review the then current water and sewer rates and make recommendations as to whether any rate increases are necessary to produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and

maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.

(d) The City, on or before August 30 of each year that an Engineer is not engaged pursuant to subsection (c) above, shall review the then current water and sewer rates to determine whether any rate increases are necessary to produce revenues sufficient to pay debt service on outstanding System Bonds, provide an adequate depreciation fund, pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and meet any required bond covenants for the next ensuing fiscal year.

Section 10. Charges Required

None of the sewer services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor. Any multi-unit that has installed a master meter will pay the Minimum Charge on each unit plus usage shown on the master meter.

Section 2. Severability

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

Section 3. Repealer

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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Mayor Jill Dabbs

ATTEST:

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Sue Ashcraft, City Clerk