

ORDINANCE NO. 574

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 527, WHICH SET OR RESET VARIOUS FEES AND RATES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LONOKE; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Lonoke, Arkansas (the "City"), owns and operates in a governmental capacity, a water and wastewater system as municipal utilities, with said system having plants, pumps, and transmission lines within and without the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the water and wastewater system for the City is necessary and must operate without a financial loss to the City in order that the system can be operated in such a manner as to adequately served the needs of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the operation of the water and wastewater system, and in addition to the rates charged for water consumption and sewer use, the City through its City Council, Water and Sewer Commission, or through other avenues authorized by law has established certain fees and rates necessary for the proper functioning of the water and wastewater system for the City; and

WHEREAS, included in the rates and fees which have been established by or through the City are fees for water and sewer hook-up, maintenance fees, inspection fees, meter deposit fees, and returned check fees; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 527 enacted on March 14, 2005, set and/or reset various fees and rates associated with the water and waste water system of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commission has recommended to the City Council and/or adopted several fee and rate changes associated with the City's water and wastewater system including those set and/or reset in Ordinance 527; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to enact and/or adopt these rate and fee changes.

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

Section 1: The following Schedule of Fees for certain rates and fees associated with the City's water and wastewater systems are hereby enacted and adopted:

SCHEDULE OF FEES

CONNECTION OR TAP FEES

WATER

RATE OR FEE

3/4" Meter Set Single:
with stub out
non stub out

\$350.00
\$500.00

(If bore is required there is an additional \$300.00 charge. If 1/2 street cut is required there is an additional \$300.00 charge. If full street cut is required there is and additional \$500.00 charge.)

1" Meter Set Single:
with stub out
non stub out

\$400.00
\$600.00

(If 1/2 street cut is required there is an additional \$300.00 charge. If full street cut is required there is an additional \$500.00 charge. These street cut fees apply to new service only.)

Commercial and All Meters Over 1":

\$600.00 (plus labor and materials)

SEWER*

RATE OR FEE

Existing lots with stub out:
New connection-residential:
New connection-commercial/industrial 0-4":
1/2 street cut (new service only):
Full street cut (new service only):

\$350.00
\$500.00
\$500.00
\$300.00 (in addition to connection fee)
\$500.00 (in addition to connection fee)

- * The City will do the tapping and run service to the property line up to a distance of 10'.
- * All connections over 4" require poured in place of manholes.
- * A licensed plumber must make all sewer connections.
- * All sewer service lines connecting to the main line belong to the property owners. This includes sewer service lines under roadways and alleys. (The City only maintains its main sewer lines.)
- * Water waste and water storm drainage is to conform to Lonoke City Ordinance No. 180 and the Arkansas State Plumbing Code 2005 Edition or most recent edition.
- * The City requires a 4" line to the first sewer opening in slab.
- * The City requires a schedule 40 pipe be installed from the main sewer line to the structure.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES-WATER

RATE OR FEE

Reconnect fee:	\$30.00
Returned check fee:	\$25.00
Meter deposit fee -	\$100.00**

**Customer's deposit will not be returned until service is discontinued and the final bill is figured and settled. If a customer's service is disconnected for non-payment, before the customer's service will be reconnected a meter deposit fee equal to the present meter deposit rate must be on deposit with the City.

Section 2: Ordinances Nos. 157, 163, 189, 256, 367 and 527, which establish a fee schedule for water and sewer hookup, maintenance, and inspection are specifically amended to reflect the changes to the applicable fees and rates as set forth herein.

Section 3: Ordinance Nos. 403 and 527, which increased certain meter deposits is specifically amended to reflect the changes in the applicable fees and rates as set forth herein.

Section 4: All fees or rates associated with the City's water and wastewater system, not specifically set forth herein, shall remain at their present rates, established by ordinance or otherwise.


Section 5: All ordinances and/or parts or provisions of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict.

Section 6: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereon.

PASSED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2008.


WAYNE MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK