ORDINANCE NO. OR 22326-1

AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

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

(A) Monthly water rates. The following monthly water charges shall be based on water consumption and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

(1) Within the city limits, except as set forth below:

$16.75 for the first 1,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, the minimum

Remainder @ $3.00 per 1,000 gallons

(2) Woodruff Apartments- Master meter:

$53.00 for the first 5,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, the minimum

Remainder @ $3.00 per 1,000 gallons

(3) Crawfordsville School- Alternative:

$37.00 for first 1,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, the minimum

Remainder @ $3.00 per 1,000 gallons

(4) Rural- outside city limits, except as set forth below:

$19.60 for the first 1,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, the minimum

Remainder @ $3.00 per 1,000 gallons

(5) Crittenden Gin Apartments – Master Meter

$36.40 for the first 1,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, the minimum

Remainder @ $3.00 per 1,000 gallons

(6) Wholesale – Clarkedale-Jericho Water Association

$39.00 for the first 1,000 gallons, or any portion thereof, the minimum

Remainder @ $3.00 per 1,000 gallons

(B) The following fees and/or charges shall be applicable:

(1) Initial tapping or connect fee. There shall be an initial or connect fee in the amount of $350.00. This fee shall be applicable to a first time connection to the water system, if the water and sewer are on the customer's side of the road. Sewer connect fee will be charged separately at the rate of $100.00 per hour not more than $250.00.

(2) Reconnect fee, penalty, and lock cutting fee. There shall be a reconnect fee of $50.00 if full payment plus 15% penalty is not made by 8:30 AM on disconnect date, which may be any date in a month after 15th and before last day of the month. This fee is applicable to a customer who has been disconnected from the system and wishes to reconnect. To reconnect after 5:00 p.m. there will be a $25.00 additional charge. There will also be a $25.00 lock cutting fee charged to customer where lock on meter has been cut in addition to any reconnect fee charged.

(3) Transfer fee. There shall be no charge for a customer who moves from one location within the system service area to another location within the system service area.

(4) Shut off fee. There shall be no shut off fee if the customer voluntarily makes a request to discontinue service and the customer is current on the account.

(5) Meter re-read.

(a) There shall be no fee for the re-read of a meter if it is shown that there was an error on the part of the City.

(b) There shall be a fee of $25.00 if it is shown that the monthly reading by the City was correct.

Section 2. None of the facilities or services afforded by the City Water System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefore.

Section 3. All bills for services of the Water System shall be rendered in the net amount due and must be paid by the 15th day of the month. If not so paid, then a 15% penalty shall be added. If the total charge and penalty is not paid by 8:30 AM on shut off/termination day, the service can be disconnected and suit brought to collect the amount due, together with reasonable attorney's fees, plus a 10% penalty. A reconnection charge of all arrears plus 15% penalty shall be required plus $50.00 reconnect fee before any premises so disconnected shall be again connected to the water system for the customer, who had his or her water disconnected, so long as such customer is residing in the premises disconnected.

Section 4. Sewer Rate Structure

	Gallons Dollars	City Dollars	Vincent Dollars	Lansing/ Grassy Lake Dollars	Rate/1,000 Gallons
Level 1	1,000	$19.00	$22.00	$25.00	Min.
Remainder @					~~$2.00~~/1,000
					2.50/1,000

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable, and if a section, phrase, or provision shall be declared invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 6. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It is hereby found and determined that an immediate need exists to pass this Ordinance in order for the City to be able to financially continue to provide water and sewer services. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and affairs of the citizens of Crawfordsville, Arkansas shall be in force and effect after its passage and approval this 23rd day of Feb., 2026.

Joe Marotti, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk