

ORDINANCE NO. 11-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING A 20 YEAR MASTER IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE II, WATER, DIVISION 2, METERS AND RATES, SECTION 22-22, WATER RATES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Camden's Water and Sewer Department wishes to continue to offer professional service and products to the citizens of Camden; and

WHEREAS, like much of the nation, the City of Camden's Water infrastructure is approaching its age and service limit and is in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Camden City Council and the Camden Water and Sewer Commission held a joint work session on February 24, 2015 to discuss a 20 year Master Plan broken into four(4) five (5) year cycles and a second work secession was held on May 28, 2015 to refine the rate charges for the 20 year master plan ; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that funding for water improvements necessitate an annual rate increase for the next (5) years, with a review of the annual rate increases by the City Council after the first (5) five year cycle and each (5) year cycle thereafter.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Camden Water and Sewer Commission is authorized to implement the 20 year Master Improvement plan broken into (4) four (5) year cycles, copy of which shall be kept on file and made available for public review in the Water Operators Office.

SECTION 2. The Camden City Council shall review the Master Improvement Plan during the fifth year of each cycle.

SECTION 3. **Section 22-22. Rates.** Is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

Section 22-22. Rates.

- (a) **BASE CHARGE** - shall include the meter charge and the first one-thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water.

- (b) **CHARGE PER GALLONS** - the charge per gallons of water used shall be applied after the first one-thousand gallons of metered water, which shall be included within the base charge.
- (c) The following monthly rates shall apply to all measured water service, except as otherwise provided in this division:
- (1) Beginning August 1, 2015
 - (A) Two dollars fifty cents (\$2.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof; plus
 - (B) Eleven dollars ten cents (\$11.10) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-three dollars sixty cents (\$23.60) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
 - (2) Beginning August 1, 2016
 - (A) Two dollars sixty cents (\$2.60) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) Eleven dollars sixty-five cents (\$11.65) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-four dollars fifteen cents (\$24.15) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
 - (3) Beginning August 1, 2017
 - (A) Two dollars seventy cents (\$2.70) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) Twelve dollars twenty cents (\$12.20) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-four dollars Seventy cents (\$24.70) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].

- (4) Beginning August 1, 2018
- (A) Two dollars eighty cents (\$2.80) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) Twelve dollars eighty cents (\$12.80) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-five dollars thirty cents (\$25.30) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
- (5) Beginning August 1, 2019
- (A) Two dollars ninety cents (\$2.90) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) Thirteen dollars forty-five cents (\$13.45) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-Five dollars ninety-five cents (\$25.95) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
- (6) Beginning August 1, 2020
- (A) Three dollars (\$3.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) Fourteen dollars ten cents (\$14.10) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-six dollars sixty cents (\$26.60) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Mayor

City Clerk