

ORDINANCE NO. 12-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE III, SEWERS, DIVISION 3, RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 22-65, SEWER 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 sewer 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 sewer 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) year cycle and each five year cycle thereafter.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-65 (a) the following sentence shall be deleted;

~~Commencing on the date set forth in subsection (q) hereof, all users of the system shall be charged monthly one dollar and ninety five cents (\$1.95) per one thousand (1,000) gallons or portion thereof of metered water consumption for OM&R, with a two thousand gallon minimum.~~

And the following shall be added in its place;

Commencing on the date set forth in subsection (q) hereof, all users of the system shall be charged the following monthly rate per one thousand (1,000) gallons, *over the first one thousand (1000) gallons included with-in the base charge* or portion thereof of metered water consumption for OM&R.

- (1) Beginning August 1, 2015, all customers shall pay three dollars fifty-five cents (\$3.55) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (2) Beginning August 1, 2016, all customers shall pay three dollars sixty-five cents (\$3.65) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.

- (3) Beginning August 1, 2017, all customers shall pay three dollars seventy-five cents (\$3.75) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (4) Beginning August 1, 2018, all customers shall pay three dollars eighty-five cents (\$3.85) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (5) Beginning August 1, 2019, all customers shall pay three dollars ninety-five cents (\$3.95) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (6) Beginning August 1, 2020, all customers shall pay four dollars five cents (\$4.05) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.

SECTION 2. Section 22-65 (d) of the Codified Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

(d) The following monthly sewer base charge shall apply to all customers except as may be provided in subsection (c) hereof.

- (1) Beginning August 1, 2015, all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twelve dollars fifty cents (\$12.50); and
- (2) Beginning August 1, 2016, all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of thirteen dollars fifteen cents (\$13.15); and
- (3) Beginning August 1, 2017 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of thirteen dollars eighty cents (\$13.80).
- (4) Beginning August 1, 2018 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of fourteen dollars fifty cents (\$14.50).
- (5) Beginning August 1, 2019 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of fifteen dollars twenty-five cents (\$15.25).
- (6) Beginning August 1, 2020 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of Sixteen dollars (\$16.00).
- (7) A five dollar (\$5.00) outside city customer surcharge will be added to the sewer base charge for all customers residing outside the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Mayor

City Clerk