

ORDINANCE NO. 24-01

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES, REPEALING
ORDINANCES 12-06 AND 12-09, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Greenwood Water/Wastewater Commission has recently reviewed their current rate structure, in effect as adopted by city ordinance #12-09, and have determined, after public hearing, that it is in the best interest of the City of Greenwood to increase water rates to offset the City’s operation and infrastructure requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwood City Council has requested that previously adopted Ordinance 12-06, implementing a 25% surcharge for water users outside city limits, be incorporated herein therefore prompting a need to repeal Ordinance No. 12-06.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

Section 1: Ordinance 12-06 and 12-09 are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of any conflict herewith.

Section 2: Rates for the City’s water service shall be based upon the gallons of water used, and shall be charged per thousand gallons, subject to the following rates:

Rates Effective January 1, 2024:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Minimum Bill (up to 1000 Gallons of Water used)</u>	<u>Volume Charge (price per 1000 Gallons of water used over the first 1000 Gallons of water used)</u>
Inside Municipal Limits	\$16.50	\$8.00
Outside Municipal Limits	\$20.60	\$10.00

Rates Effective January 1, 2025:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Minimum Bill (up to 1000 Gallons of Water used)</u>	<u>Volume Charge (price per 1000 Gallons of water used over the first 1000 Gallons of water used)</u>
Inside Municipal Limits	\$24.90	\$8.00
Outside Municipal Limits	\$31.10	\$10.00

Section 3: All water users of the City of Greenwood water system, residing outside of the municipal boundary of the City of Greenwood, Arkansas shall be charged a rate of 25% (twenty-five percent) above the rate charged to the water users that reside inside the municipal boundary of the City of Greenwood, Arkansas, as may be set from time to time. This applies to water rates only and not to any penalty, late charges, deposits, etc.

Section 4: Pursuant to Greenwood Municipal Code § 10-08-03, and upon the recommendation of the Greenwood Water/Wastewater Commission, the City Council hereby establishes a rate consistent with the change in the National CPI (Consumer Price Index) for all users annually beginning on January 1, 2026, and continuing each year thereafter. This annual increase is designed to pace rate increases to correlate with rising operating costs, rate increases by third party providers, infrastructure upgrades, inflation, debt service obligations, and other factors requiring adjustments to the water rates. No further action is necessary on behalf of the city council in order for these rate increases to take effect. However, in the event the City Council deems the current rate to be adequate to cover the above-mentioned costs and expenses, the City Council may vote to reduce or forego the National CPI rate adjustment in any upcoming year by majority vote prior to the increase taking effect at the beginning of the each calendar year. It is expressly stated by the City Council that these subsequent, annual increases are pro rata increases across all customer classes, and that pursuant to Arkansas law, no further public hearing(s) shall be necessary for such increases.

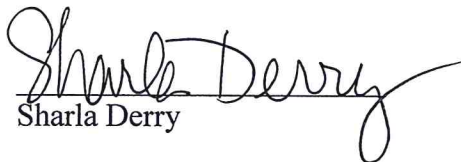
Section 5: Per ACA 209-09-21 implementing Act 605 of 2021 to provide oversight of retail water and sewer providers, and in accordance with ACA 14-234-802, the City of Greenwood will follow all directives included therein to ensure fiscal soundness.

Section 6: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 7: The City Council of the City of Greenwood, Arkansas, having found that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Greenwood, Arkansas, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GREENWOOD, ARKANSAS ON THIS 8th DAY OF January, 2024.

Clerk:


Sharla Derry

Mayor:


Doug Kinslow

