ORDINANCE NO.	19-802
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## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.08 OF THE GENTRY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL WATER-RATE TIERS FOR THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE BILLING DUE NOVEMBER 11, 2019; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Gentry, Arkansas has determined that additional tiers are needed on the top end of the existing water rate structure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the power and responsibility to establish and maintain just and equitable rates for the service rendered to each user of the City's water system.

NOW, therefore, be it ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas;

**Section 1:** Section 10.08.02 of the Gentry Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (deletions are stricken through; additions are underlined):

## 1. Water rates within the city

A. Minimum water rates for the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof, shall be based upon meter size, and the monthly minimums shall be as follows, based upon meter size:

i)	5/8" x 3/4"	-	\$13.71
ii)	1"	-	\$19.19
iii)	1 ½"	-	\$24.67
iv)	2"	-	\$39.73
v)	3"	_	\$150.71
vi)	4"	-	\$191.82
vii)	6"	-	\$288.76
viii)	8"	_	\$397.31

B.	For portions of 1,001-15,000 gallons	\$5.35 per thousand
	For portions of 15,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$5.13 per thousand
	For portions of 50,001 - 300,000 gallons	\$4.93 per thousand
	For portions of 300,001 - 1,000,000 gallons	\$4.53 per thousand
	For quantities in excess of 1,000,000 gallons	\$4.18 per thousand
	For portions of 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 gallons	\$4.18 per thousand
	For quantities in excess of 5,000,000 gallons	\$2.84 per thousand

**Section 2**: Section 10.08.03 of the Gentry Municipal Code is amended as follows (deletions are stricken through; additions are underlined):

## 2. Water rates outside the city

A. Minimum water rates for the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof, shall be based upon meter size, and the monthly minimums shall be as follows, based upon meter size:

i)	5/8" x 3/4"	-	\$32.88
ii)	1"	-	\$46.03
iii)	1 ½"	=	\$58.15
iv)	2"	-	\$95.36
v)	3"	-	\$361.68
vi)	4"	-	\$460.23
vii)	6"	-	\$690.48
viii)	8"	-	\$953.54

B.	For portions of 1,001-15,000 gallons	\$9.11 per thousand
	For portions of 15,001 - 50,000 gallons	\$7.39 per thousand
	For portions of 50,001 - 300,000 gallons	\$5.69 per thousand
	For quantities in excess of 300,000 gallons	\$4.93 per thousand
	For portions of 300,001 - 1,000,000 gallons	\$4.93 per thousand
	For portions of 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 gallons	\$4.53 per thousand
	For quantities in excess of 5,000,000 gallons	\$2.84 per thousand

**Section 3:** The above amendments shall be effective for and after the billing due November 11, 2019.

**Section 4:** All Ordinances or Resolutions or parts of Ordinances or Resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby REPEALED to the extent of said inconsistency.

**Section 5:** Emergency: The rates proposed herein must be implemented immediately in order to allow the City to receive the revenues required to properly maintain and operate its water infrastructure within the City of Gentry, Arkansas. Accordingly, the Counsel finds that this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Gentry, shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

Tonya Carney, Director of Finance