

ORDINANCE NO. 16-745

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER AND WATER RATES FOR THE
CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE BILLING DUE
JANUARY 10, 2017; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Gentry, Arkansas has determined pursuant to a rate study, that water and sewer rates should be addressed on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the power and it is the Council's duty to establish and maintain just and equitable rates or charges for the service rendered by each user of the sewerage system of the City.

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

Section 1: The City of Gentry hereby ADOPTS the following regarding sewer and water rates:

PART A: City and County Rate Structure. The City of Gentry has elected to implement a rate structure for water and sewer fees and connection charges that categorizes each customer as a "city" or a "county" customer. For the purpose of determining which rate structure is applicable to any given customer or location, the City Inspector or his designated representative shall determine, in his or her sole discretion whether the structure or structures resulting in the primary usage of the water and/or sewer services for a particular meter location are within or without the City limits. If it is determined that such structure or structures are within the City limits - then inside the City limits rates shall be applicable. If such structure or structures resulting in primary usage of the water and/or sewer services are outside the City limits, then outside the City limits rates shall be applicable. The location of the customer's meter shall have no bearing on the determination of which rate structure is applicable.

PART B: Sewer Rates.

The sewer service charges shall be based on water usage and determined by applying the following schedule of rates, reflective on and after the bill due January 10, 2017:

A. Monthly charges for all customers situated within the corporate limits of the City.

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| (1) For the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof | \$7.58 (minimum) |
| (2) For the next 4,000 gallons or portion thereof | \$2.79 per thousand gallons |
| (3) For the next 45,000 gallons or portion thereof | \$2.13 per thousand gallons |
| (4) For all usage in excess of 50,000 gallons | \$1.38 per thousand gallons |

B. Monthly charges for all customers situated outside the corporate limits of the City.

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| (1) For the first 1,000 gallons or portion thereof | \$12.57 (minimum) |
| (2) For the next 4,000 gallons or portion thereof | \$3.52 per thousand gallons |
| (3) For the next 45,000 gallons or portion thereof | \$2.13 per thousand gallons |
| (4) For all usage in excess of 50,000 gallons | \$1.38 per thousand gallons |

PART C. Water Rates.

The water service charges shall be based on water usage and determined by applying the following schedule of rates, reflective on and after the bill due January 10, 2017:

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"	-	\$13.31
ii)	1"	-	\$18.63
iii)	1 1/2"	-	\$23.95
iv)	2"	-	\$38.57
v)	3"	-	\$146.32
vi)	4"	-	\$186.23
vii)	6"	-	\$280.35
viii)	8"	-	\$385.74

- B. For portions of 1,001- 15,000 gallons \$5.19 per thousand
For portions of 15,001 - 50,000 gallons \$4.99 per thousand
For portions of 50,001 gallons - 300,000 gallons \$4.79 per thousand
For portions of 300,001 gallons - 1,000,000 gallons \$4.40 per thousand
For quantities in excess of 1,000,000 gallons \$4.06 per thousand

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"	-	\$31.92
ii)	1"	-	\$44.69
iii)	1 1/2"	-	\$56.45
iv)	2"	-	\$92.59
v)	3"	-	\$351.15
vi)	4"	-	\$446.82
vii)	6"	-	\$670.37
viii)	8"	-	\$925.76

- B. For portions of 1,001- 15,000 gallons \$8.85 per thousand
For portions of 15,001 - 50,000 gallons \$7.18 per thousand
For portions of 50,001 gallons - 300,000 gallons \$5.52 per thousand
For quantities in excess of 300,000 gallons \$4.79 per thousand

3. Additional Water Rate Assessment.

A. An additional assessment of \$1.50 per active meter (whether inside or outside the City) will be collected for purposes of raising additional funds to assist with the water wholesaler's capital improvement fund.

Section 2: All Ordinances or Resolutions in in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby REPEALED.

Section 3: 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 and sewer 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, it shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th day of November, 2016.

ATTEST:

Kevin D. Johnston, Mayor

Tonya Carney, Director of Finance