

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-724**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CONCERNING UTILITY SERVICE AND  
RELATED PAYMENT, PENALTY AND DISCONNECTION FOR CITY OF GENTRY,  
ARKANSAS UTILITY SERVICES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gentry has determined that it is appropriate to reaffirm certain rules, policies and penalties related to water, sewer and trash services (collectively "Utility Services") provided by the City of Gentry, Arkansas.

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

Section 1: Charges for Service: None of the facilities afforded by the City water and sewer system shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor. Operation of the water system shall be on a fully metered basis. Meters shall be installed at each water connection, and all bill for water services shall be rendered in the net amount due.

Section 2: Payment for Service: Utility Services bills shall be timely paid. In the event a bill is not paid on or before the tenth day of the month following the month during which the Utility Services were provided [or by close of business on the first business day of the 10th falls on a weekend or City observed holiday], a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to the amount due.

Section 3: Disconnect Policy: If any Utility Services bill is not paid by close of business on the 21st day of the month following the month during which the Utility Services were provided [or by close of business on the first business day of the 10th falls on a weekend or City observed holiday], including any applicable penalties, the City may disconnect and discontinue Utility Services for that account.

Section 4: Reconnect Fees: In the event Utility Services have been disconnected, a \$40.00 reconnect fee will be added to the sums due. All sums due must be paid before service to that account will be reconnected.

Section 5: Emergency: It is essential for City operations that utility bills be paid on a timely basis. Accordingly, the Council 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 6TH day of April,  
2015.

ATTEST:

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Kevin D. Johnston, Mayor

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Director of Finance