ORDINANCE NO 1997-4

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING DELINQUENT WATER BILLS AND UNAUTHORIZED USE OF WATER.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURRELL, ARKANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Whereas, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Turrell, Arkansas have been advised by the Water Department of said City that the incidence of delinquent water bills and the unauthorized use of city water creates a financial problem for said City.

SECTION 2. The City Council has concluded that the incidence of delinquent water bills and the unauthorized use of city water does, in fact, create a financial problem for said City desires to approve and adopt this ordinance to place reasonable restrictions upon such practices.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall provide that any water bill due to the City of Turrell that becomes two (2) months past-due without payment shall be deemed "delinquent". This ordinance further provides that water service will be disconnected to any customer ten (10) days after said customer's account becomes "delinquent". In order to obtain resumption of water service, the customer must pay all past-due water bills plus a reconnection fee

of \$15.00.

This ordinance further provides that any individual who is connected to the City's water system without the knowledge of the Water Department of the City of Turrell and without payment of a deposit for the provision of such water services shall be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by law.

SECTION 4. The Council does in the interest of the adoption of this ordinance declare that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the City and for the preservation of the peace and safety of the inhabitants thereof. This ordinance shall, therefore, be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

DATED this 18th day of November, 1997.

MAYOR

Chester McGee

CITY RECORDER Jeffrey Crockett