

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3

AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF TURRELL, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Turrell, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates water and sewer facilities, which water and sewer facilities are operated as one interrelated municipal undertaking (the "System"), and has determined that extensions, betterments and improvements to the System (the "improvements") should be made in order that the City and its inhabitants may have adequate and proper water and sewer facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has had prepared by a duly qualified consulting engineer a preliminary report and estimates of costs of the improvements, which have been examined and approved by the City Council and are on file with the City Recorder where they may be inspected by any interested person; and

WHEREAS, the costs will have to be paid from the proceeds of revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to establish rates to be charged for the services of the System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Turrell, Arkansas:

Section 1. That the following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and minimum rates to be charged for water services be, and they are hereby, fixed as rates for water services to be rendered by the System.

(A) Monthly Water Rates. The water usage of each customer shall be determined each month by meter measurement and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

Residential

For the first 1,500 gallons of
water consumption per month, or
portion thereof

8.00 (minimum)

The lowest rate per 1,000 gallons will be adjusted as necessary to assure the rate is greater than the Cost of Operation and maintenance per 1,000 gallons.

Commercial

Commercial users will be charged a flat rate each month as follows:

Commercial	\$16.00 per month
Schools	\$43.00 per month + 6.00
Shop	\$17.00 per month + 6.00

(b) Tapping Fee. There shall be a tapping fee in an amount equal to the actual cost to the City for every customer who connects with the sewer facilities of the System.

(c) None of the sewer facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.

Section 3. That the operation of the System shall be on a fully metered basis, with a meter installed at each water connection (except fire hydrants) when practical. There shall be only one user on a single connection. There shall be no dual connections: that is, there shall be no more than one user on a single meter. Each apartment in an apartment house shall be considered a separate user.

Section 4. That a single statement will be submitted for monthly water and sewer charges. All bills for services of the System shall be rendered monthly in the net amount due and must be paid within ten (10) days from the date of rendition and if not so paid, a 10% penalty will be added. If any charge is not paid within 30 days after the same is due, the service can be disconnected and suit can be brought to collect the amount due, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, plus a penalty of 10%. A charge of \$1.00 plus the payment of all arrears shall be required before any premises so disconnected shall be again connected to the System.

Section 5. That the provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 6. That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Commercial

Commercial users will be charged a flat rate each month as follows:

Commercial	\$19.00 per month
Schools	\$68.10 per month
Shop	\$19.00 per month

(b) None of the water facilities or services afforded by the System shall be furnished without a charge being made therefor.

(c) Tapping Fee. There shall be a tapping fee in an amount equal to the actual cost to the City for every customer who connects with the water facilities of the System.

(d) Meter Deposit. Each customer who connects with the System shall make a deposit with the City in the amount of \$70.00. Such deposit shall remain with the City until the customer closes his account or requests his water to be disconnected, at which time he will have his deposit returned, if he is not in arrears in his account with the City.

Section 2. (a) That the following monthly rates and charges which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and necessary minimum rates be, and they are hereby, fixed as rates to be charges for sewer services to be rendered by the System.

(b) Monthly Sewer Rates. All sewer charges shall be based on water consumption and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

Residential


For the first 1,500 gallons of water consumption per month, or portion thereof

\$7.40 (minimum)

The lowest rate per 1,000 gallons will be adjusted as necessary to assure the rate is greater than the cost of operation and maintenance per 1,000 gallons.

PASSED: March 19, , 2002.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY RECORDER

SEAL

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Recorder of the City of Turrell, Arkansas, hereby certifies that the foregoing pages are a true and perfect copy of Ordinance No. 2002-3, adopted at a regular Session of the City Council of the City of Turrell, Arkansas, held at the regular meeting place in said City at 6:30 o'clock P. M., on the 19th Day of March, 2002, and that the Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Record Book No. _____, Page _____, now in my possession.

GIVEN under my hand and seal on this 19th day of March 2002.

Annie Smith
City Recorder

SEAL

<u>GALLONS USED</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
0 - 1500	8.00	.67	7.40
1500 - 2500	8.90	.74	8.40
2501 - 3500	9.80	.82	9.40
3501 - 4500	10.70	.89	10.40
4501 - 5500	11.60	.97	11.40
5501 - 6500	12.50	1.04	12.40
6501 - 7500	13.40	1.12	13.40
7501 - 8500	14.30	1.19	14.40
8501 - 9500	15.20	1.27	15.40
9501 - 10500	16.10	1.34	16.40
10501 - 11500	17.00	1.42	17.40
11501 - 12500	17.90	1.49	18.40
12501 - 13500	18.70	1.56	19.40
13501 - 14500	19.50	1.63	20.40
14501 - 15500	20.30	1.70	21.40
15501 - 16500	21.10	1.76	22.40
16501 - 17500	21.90	1.83	23.40
17501 - 18500	22.70	1.90	24.40
18501 - 19500	23.50	1.96	25.40
19501 - 20500	24.30	2.03	26.40
20501 - 21500	25.10	2.10	27.40
21501 - 22500	25.90	2.16	28.40
22501 - 23500	26.70	2.23	29.40
23501 - 24500	27.50	2.30	30.40

24501 - 25500	28.30	2.37	31.40
25501 - 26500	29.10	2.43	32.40
26501 - 27500	29.90	2.50	32.40
27501 - 28500	30.70	2.57	34.40
28501 - 29500	31.50	2.63	35.50
29501 - 30500	32.30	2.70	36.50
ALL OVER 30501	\$3.00 PER 1000	8.375%	

\$3.00 FOR FARMERS, WORKERS, AND OTHERS PURCHASES OF WATER.

TAX ONLY ON WATER.

WATER RATES

Commercial	19.00
High School	68.10
Grade School	68.10
Shop	19.00

WATER OUTSIDE TOWN

Extra over Regular rate	3.00
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SEWER RATES

Commercial	16.00
High School	43.00
Grade School	43.00
Shop	17.00

GARBAGE RATES

Commercial	15.00
Residence	10.00
High School	30.00
Grade School	30.00
Shop	15.00