

**ORDINANCE NO. 0-01- 11**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER FURNISHED BY THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

WHEREAS, The City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas Water Department has operated and maintained the water system and provided services for more than 20 years since the last general rate increase; and

WHEREAS, The frequent increases in cost of operation and maintenance of the system have placed the future of the system in serious financial difficulty; and

WHEREAS, The City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas Water Department is proposing capital improvements and repairs to the system which are necessary to the proper functioning of the system; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for the City Board of Directors to establish rates to be charged for the water and services of the Water Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. The following monthly rates be and are hereby fixed as rates to be charged for water furnished and services provided by the Water Department of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, which rates the City Board of Directors finds and declares to be reasonable and necessary minimum rates to be charged.

**MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE**

The minimum monthly charge includes payment for the first 2,000 gallons, or any part thereof, of water used. The charge for service to premises beyond the Arkadelphia City boundaries shall be 25% greater than the charges shown below.

<u>METER SIZE</u>	
5/8"	\$ 5.39
3/4"	\$ 7.57
1"	\$ 11.83
1 1/2"	\$ 22.54
2"	\$ 32.20
3"	\$ 59.97
4"	\$ 97.41
6"	\$ 178.71

### ADDITIONAL MONTHLY CHARGE

In addition to the minimum monthly charge cited above, the following rates shall apply to the amount of water used in excess of 2,000 gallons per month. The charge for services to premises beyond the Arkadelphia City boundaries shall be 25% greater than the charges shown below.

THE NEXT 8,000 GALLONS	\$1.40 PER 1,000 GALLONS
THE NEXT 40,000 GALLONS	\$1.20 PER 1,000 GALLONS
OVER 50,000 GALLONS	\$0.85 PER 1,000 GALLONS

### RESALE RATE

A rate of \$1.04 per one thousand gallons plus a 25% surcharge will be charged to resale customers. Resale customers are those customers who purchase water from the City of Arkadelphia for the sole purpose of operating a water system. Presently, resale customers are the Town of Caddo Valley, Clark County Country Water Association, Clark County River Valley Public Water Facilities Board, and the Town of Gum Springs.

Section 2. A monthly fee of \$.25 per meter will continue to be assessed for the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act for water analysis by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the first billing cycle after this ordinance is passed by the Arkadelphia City Board of Directors plus thirty days.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall amend Ordinance B-362 and any other ordinance in conflict herewith. All other provisions of Ordinances with respect to the operation of the Water Department the City of Arkadelphia remain as previously enacted.

Section 5. The rates established hereby, together with the rates previously in effect, shall never be reduced below an amount sufficient to provide the operation, maintenance, and depreciation of the water system, and for the payment of the water system portion of the principal and interest on the outstanding combined water and sewer Revenue Bond, and for the payment of and interest on bonds that may be issued in the future, and when necessary, said rates will be increased to provide sufficient funds for these requirements.

Section 6. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable, and if any portion, section, provision, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such action shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ENACTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

Charles Hollingshead  
Mayor Charles T. Hollingshead

ATTEST:

Jane Anderson  
City Clerk