

Ordinance O-09-03

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 eight years since the last general rate increase; and

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

WHEREAS, The City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas Water Department is proposing to operate and maintain the system for the next five years with no capitol projects; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary for the City Board of Directors to establish rates to be charged for the water 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 (first 2,000 gallons) furnished and services provided by the Water Department of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, which rates the City Board of Directors find and declare to be reasonable and necessary minimum rates to be charged beginning June 1 of each year as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2009 Minimum Charge</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
5/8"	\$7.16	\$7.43	\$7.70	\$8.00	\$8.30
3/4"	\$10.06	\$10.43	\$10.82	\$11.23	\$11.66
1"	\$15.72	\$16.30	\$16.91	\$17.55	\$18.22
1 1/2"	\$29.96	\$31.06	\$32.21	\$33.44	\$34.71
2"	\$42.79	\$44.38	\$46.02	\$47.77	\$49.58
3"	\$79.70	\$82.65	\$85.71	\$88.96	\$92.34
4"	\$129.46	\$134.25	\$139.22	\$144.51	\$150.00
6"	\$237.51	\$246.29	\$255.41	\$265.11	\$275.19

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY CHARGE

In addition to the minimum monthly charge cited above, the following rates per thousand gallons 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, whether individual or water systems, including consecutive water systems, shall be 25% greater than the charges shown below:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
The next 8,000	\$1.86	\$1.93	\$2.00	\$2.08	\$2.16
The next 40,000	\$1.59	\$1.65	\$1.71	\$1.78	\$1.85
Over 50,000	\$1.13	\$1.17	\$1.21	\$1.26	\$1.31
 <u>Water System</u>					
River Valley	\$1.38	\$1.43	\$1.49	\$1.54	\$1.60
Caddo Valley	\$1.38	\$1.43	\$1.49	\$1.54	\$1.60
Country Water	\$1.38	\$1.43	\$1.49	\$1.54	\$1.60
Gum Springs	\$1.38	\$1.43	\$1.49	\$1.54	\$1.60

Section 2. A monthly fee of \$.30 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 Board of Directors plus 30 days.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall amend Ordinance 0-01-11 and any other ordinance in conflict herewith. All other provisions of Ordinances with respect to the operation of the Water Department of the City of Arkadelphia remain as previously enacted.

Section 5. The rates established hereby 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 current bonds, and 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 16th Day of April, 2009.

Mayor Charles T. Hollingshead

ATTEST:

Rendi Currey, City Clerk