

ORDINANCE NO: 2023-007

**AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE
NO. 2015-01, FIXING RATES FOR WATER SERVICES
RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF
THE CITY OF TUCKERMAN, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING
OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, City of Tuckerman Ordinance No. 2015-01 set rates for water and sewer services and set forth other ancillary matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tuckerman, Arkansas, wishes to replace said ordinance and amend/alter said rates and terms; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TUCKERMAN, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: *Repeal of Ordinance No. 2015-01.* The following Ordinance is hereby repealed:

Ordinance No. 2015-01;

SECTION 2: That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3: (a) The amount to be paid by each customer for water services shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates: (1) base charge of \$28.62 per month (minimum) plus (2) \$3.87 per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water consumption per month.

(b) The amount to be paid by North Jackson County Rural Water Association, Inc. ("North Jackson") for water services shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates: (1) operation and maintenance charge of \$9.00 per association member per month plus (2) \$3.87 per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water consumption per month. The City shall provide water to North Jackson in such quantity as may be required by North Jackson.

(c) Monthly sewer rates shall be billed at \$2.47 per one thousand (1,000) gallons used.

SECTION 4: The due date for all billing shall be the fifteenth (15th) day of each month. A ten percent (10%) penalty shall be applied on the sixteenth (16th) day of the month. If the bill is not paid by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the month, services are subject to disconnection any time after the twenty-sixth (26th) day of the month. Should the 15th day of the month fall on a weekend or holiday, bills shall be due on the next business day after said weekend or holiday, and no late penalty applied until the second day after said weekend or holiday.

SECTION 5: A new service deposit shall be charged in the amount of \$150. Tap Fees shall be \$400 for new service, \$150 for tap water, and \$125 for sewer. The reconnection fee after any disconnect shall be \$50.

SECTION 6: The rates set herein shall be increased annually in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.


SECTION 7: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section or phrase or provision shall be declared unlawful or invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance is deemed necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tuckerman, Arkansas, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of December, 2023.


Hon. Zack Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Vickie Adams, City Clerk