

Bill NO. 500

ORDINANCE NO. 500

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SUBSECTIONS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H AND O OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 476, CONCERNING RATES RECONNECTON CHARGES AND DEPOSITS FOR WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF HOPKINS, MISSOURI, AND TO ADOPT NEW SUBSECTIONS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H AND O PERTAINING TO THE SAME SUBJECTS AND ALSO REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith (NAMELY, 360, 385 456, 461, AND 472)

WHEREAS, the City of Hopkins, Missouri (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), now owns and operates its combined waterworks and sewage system.

WHEREAS, the city of Hopkins deems it necessary to fix, maintain and collect reasonable rates, fees and charges for the use and services of the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City sufficient to pay the cost of maintenance and operation thereof and to sustain an account for improvements and replacement.

THEREFORE, the rates which shall be charged and collected by the City of Hopkins, Missouri, for water and sewer service furnished by the combined waterworks and sewerage of the city of Hopkins, Missouri, shall be based on the amount of water used by each customer which shall be as follows:

A. For RESIDENTIAL users within the city limits the following charges shall be made:

- (1) for the first 1,000 gallons of water there shall be a minimum charge of \$50.00 per month;
- (2) for all over 1,000 gallons a charge of \$20.00 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof, per month;
- (3) a sewer charge of a minimum of \$30.00 per month for the first 1,000 gallons or less of water used and 70% of the amount of water used over 1,000 gallons for all customers with sewer hookups.

B. For COMMERCIAL users within City limits the following charges shall be made:

- (1) for the first 1,000 gallons of water there shall be a minimum charge of \$40.00 per month;
- (2) for all over 1,000 gallons a charge of \$20.00 per 1,000 gallons or

fraction thereof, per month;

- (3) a sewer charge of a minimum of \$30.00 per month for the first 1,000 gallons or less of water used and 70% of the amount of Water used over 1,000 gallons for all customers with sewer hookups.

C. For users outside the City Limits the following charges shall be made:

- (1) for the first 1,000 gallons, there shall be a charge of \$55.00 per Thousand;
- (2) for all over 1,000 gallons a charge of \$35 .00 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof, per month.

D. The above rates shall be effective beginning with the August billing 2024.

E. All bills for water and sewerage services shall be rendered monthly as such service accrues. All bills shall be due and payable at the office of City Hall. Missouri Sales Tax will be charged and collected according to the Missouri Department of Revenue regulations.

F. If any bill for water and wastewater services shall be and remain past due and unpaid for as long as thirty (30) days, service to such customer shall be disconnected and shall not be reconnected until all past due bills are paid in full, together with a reconnection charge of \$30.00. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to follow the "Shut Off/On Policy", attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance by reference, and shall proceed immediately to cause water service to such customer to be disconnected.

G. Application for water and sewerage services shall be made to the city clerk or other person designated by the Board of Aldermen by the owner or occupant of the property to be serviced and upon the approval of such application, such applicant shall have the right to connect to with the city's combined waterworks and sewerage system; the liability for the cost of such connection to be determined by the Board of Aldermen by resolution.

H. All applications by new customers for water and sewer services shall be accompanied by a \$200.00 deposit, which deposit shall be refunded when the final bill is settled. A new customer shall be defined as any customer who seeks services at a residence or location for whom the City of Hopkins does not hold a deposit in the name of that customer at the time of the transfer to the new location or application for services. In the event a water customer moves from one residence to another within the City of Hopkins, the existing deposit will be transferred to the new residence and any additional amount will be collected so there is a total of \$200.00 deposit, so long as the



bill at the previous residence is paid in full at the time of the transfer, and the individual will not be considered to be a new customer.

I. Any new water connections will be charged as an installation fee, the actual cost of the meter well, lid and ring, meter and read out, meter loop, separate shut off valve, backflow device, and all pipes and fittings related. City will provide the line to the owner/occupant property line providing it is less than 50 feet; in the event it is more than 50 feet, the Board of Aldermen have the option of charging the remaining footage to the user.

J. All owner/occupant's connected to the city's water works system are obligated to provide for their own shut off valve and not to rely on the city shut off valve. The installation of this shut off valve will be a mandatory regulation.

K. In the event of a large water leak, the user could be offered a flexible payment plan if agreed on by the Board of Aldermen.

L. In the event of negligence or malfunction resulting in leakage of water, the user shall immediately make repairs to their water lines. In the event the repairs are not made, the city has the right to shut off the water and bill the user for any expense the city incurred in the repair of the water lines.

M. In the event the owner/occupant is not receiving city water service, either by having his own water system or by having the water shut off, but is connected to the city sewerage system, then the owner/occupant is obligated to pay the minimum sewer fee per month as set forth in this ordinance.

N. The Board of Aldermen reserve the right to waive the minimum sewer fee by individual request in the event the sewer hookup is not in use and has been properly capped to the satisfaction of the board.

O. The occupant and/or user of the premises receiving water and sewer services and the owner of said premises shall jointly and severally be held liable to pay for such services rendered on said premises. The City shall have the power to sue the occupant and/or user or the owner, or both, of such real estate in civil action to receive any sums due for such services, plus a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court.


P. The owner/occupant/user shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of the water line from their property line in and for such maintenance and repair of the sewer line from the street edge line in. In the event the City makes repairs on the customer's end of the line, the city reserves the right to charge for the cost of repairs.

Q. Any surplus revenue accumulated from the rates set forth herein shall be deposited with the established account of Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Surplus Account to be used for future improvement and replacement.


THIS ORDINANCE shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

READ three times and passed by Board of Aldermen.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

  
Matt Wray, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sue Wagner, City Clerk