An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.08 Water Rates of the Atkins Municipal Code Concerning Water Rates and Connection Fees and For Other Purposes.

Ordinance No. 2016-04

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Atkins has determined that there is a substantial need to increase water rates and connection fees to cover costs of operation and;

WHEREAS water rates and connection fees have not been increased for over ten (10) years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 10.08.01 Water Rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.08.01 Water Rates: Except for those entities or organizations charged water rates pursuant to a separate contract, ordinance, or resolution entered into with the City of Atkins, the following monthly water rates shall be charged to all those customers purchasing water from the City of Atkins:

Beginning July 1, 2016 the rates shall be as follows:

First 10,000 gallons	$12.00 + $2.12 per thousand gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	$1.59 per thousand gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	$1.45 per thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons	$1.32 per thousand gallons

Beginning July 1, 2017 the rates shall be as follows:

First 10,000 gallons	$12.00 + $2.23 per thousand gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	$1.67 per thousand gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	$1.52 per thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons	$1.39 per thousand gallons

Beginning July 1, 2018 the rates shall be as follows:

First 10,000 gallons	$12.00 + $2.34 per thousand gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	$1.75 per thousand gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	$1.60 per thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons	$1.46 per thousand gallons

Beginning July 1, 2019 the rates shall be as follows:

First 10,000 gallons	$12.00 + $2.46 per thousand gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	$1.84 per thousand gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	$1.68 per thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons	$1.53 per thousand gallons

Beginning July 1, 2020 the rates shall be as follows:

First 10,000 gallons	$12.00 + $2.58 per thousand gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	$1.93 per thousand gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	$1.76 per thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons	$1.61 per thousand gallons

Beginning July 1, 2021 the rates shall be as follows:

First 10,000 gallons	$12.00 + $2.71 per thousand gallons
Next 40,000 gallons	$2.03 per thousand gallons
Next 50,000 gallons	$1.85 per thousand gallons
All over 100,000 gallons	$1.69 per thousand gallons

The consumption of water shall be billed in one thousand (1,000) gallon increments except any increment of less than one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be billed pro rata in one hundred (100) gallon increments.

A ten (10%) percent penalty will be added to any payment made for water services paid after the fifteenth (15th) day of the month in which the payment was originally due. If the account is not paid before the fifteenth (15th) of the second months billing, service shall be disconnected and a charge of ~~five dollars ($5.00)~~ twenty five $ 25.00 plus the payment of all delinquent accounts shall be paid before being reconnected.

Section 2. Section 10.08.02 Connection Fees is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.08.02 Connection Fees: The City of Atkins shall charge a connection fee for each water tap in the amount of $600.00 beginning July 1, 2016.

Section 3. A new section pertaining to meter deposits shall be added as follows:

10.08.03 Meter Deposits: Each customer of the water system shall be required to pay a meter deposit of one hundred dollars ($100.00) to be applied when necessary to payment of delinquent water or sewer bills. No interest shall be paid on any deposit.

Section 4. Emergency Clause

An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

This ordinance is passed and approved this 14th day of June, 2016.

THE CITY OF ATKINS

By: Jerry D. Barrett
JERRY DON BARRETT, Mayor

Machelle Brown
Machelle Brown, City Clerk

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FILED
Machelle Brown, City Clerk
City of Atkins
Date: 6/14/16

Ordinance # 2016-04 Date: June 14, 2016

Alderman JoAnn Spence moved Ordinance # 2016-04 be placed on its first reading.

Alderman Dave Belcher seconded. The vote was:

Pearce	yes	Staggs	yes		
Rehm	yes	Spence	yes		
Price	yes	Belcher	yes	6 for,	0 against

Alderman JoAnn Spence moved the rules be suspended and Ordinance # 2016-04 be placed on its second reading. Alderman Dave Belcher seconded. The vote was:

Pearce	yes	Staggs	yes		
Rehm	yes	Spence	yes		
Price	yes	Belcher	yes	6 for,	0 against

Alderman JoAnn Spence moved the rules be further suspended and Ordinance # 2016-04 be placed on its third and final reading. Alderman Dave Belcher seconded. The vote was:

Pearce	yes	Staggs	yes		
Rehm	yes	Spence	yes		
Price	yes	Belcher	yes	6 for,	0 against

Alderman JoAnn Spence moved Ordinance # 2016-04 be adopted. Alderman Dave Belcher seconded. The vote was

Pearce	yes	Staggs	yes		
Rehm	yes	Spence	yes		
Price	yes	Belcher	yes	6 for,	0 against

Ordinance # 2016-04.

Alderman JoAnn Spence moved Ordinance# 2016-04 Emergency Clause be adopted. Alderman Dave Belcher seconded. The vote was:

Pearce	yes	Staggs	yes		
Rehm	yes	Spence	yes		
Price	yes	Belcher	yes	6 for,	0 against.

Emergency Clause 2016-04 passed.

Jerry D. Barrett
JERRY BARRETT, MAYOR

Machelle Brown
MACHELLE BROWN, CITY CLERK

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