

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCES 2007-6, 2007-8 AND 2015-06, ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY DEPOSITS.

Having published notices of public hearing on July 7, 2016 and July 14, 2016 in the Stone County Gazette, for public hearings held on August 2, 2016, and having the results of a rate study performed by the City Clerk, the Board of Aldermen finds it necessary to revise the schedule of rates and charges for monthly sewer service. Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Reeds Spring, Missouri as follows:

Section 1:

Monthly water and sewer rates and connection fees for water and sewer services provided by the City of Reeds Spring are as follows:

	Water	Sewer
Inside City Limits	\$21.05 plus \$4.75 per each 1,000 gallons used	\$15.25 plus \$5.42 for each 1,000 gallons used
Outside City Limits	\$31.05 plus \$4.75 per each 1,000 gallons used through Nov. 1 2015. Then \$36.05 plus \$4.75 per each 1,000 gallons used through April 21, 2016. Then \$41.05 plus \$4.75 per each 1,000 gallons used.	Available only with annexation.
Late Fees	9% for water service unpaid after 20 days	9% for sewer service unpaid after 20 days
Disconnect	After 30 days with a reconnection fee of \$45.00	
Deposit	\$125.00 Homeowners \$125.00 Renters	
New Hookups Inside City Limits	\$465 Residential, per dwelling \$550 Small Meter Commercial \$650 Large Meter Commercial	\$500 Residential per dwelling \$585 Small Meter Commercial \$650 Large Commercial
New Hookups Outside City Limits	\$550 Residential, per dwelling \$690 Small Meter Commercial \$750 Large Meter Commercial	Available only with annexation.

Section 2: Posting of Fee Schedule

A Copy of the fee schedule contained in Section 1, above shall be posted in the City Hall.

Section 3: Collection of Fees

On behalf of the City, the City Clerk and any other City Employee authorized by the Board of Aldermen, is hereby authorized to collect water and sewer charges, and fees imposed in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 4: Security Deposits

Applicants for water and sewer service, or water service only, are required to make a deposit of \$125 and to complete and sign an application for water and sewer service, or water service only if outside the city limits. The security deposit shall remain on deposit with the city for the duration of the applicant's delinquent account. If the security deposit is applied to a delinquent account, the reconnection fee charged according to section 1 above.

After disconnection of a water and sewer account for non-payment, as a condition of reconnection, the security deposit shall be the higher of \$125 or twice the highest monthly water and sewer bill in the past twelve months for the address at which reconnection is sought.

Section 5: Non Payment

If any bill for water and sewer service, or water service only, shall remain due and unpaid after the 20th day of the calendar month following the month of the prior billing period, an additional charge of 9% of the amount due shall be added as a late fee. If any bill for water service shall be and remain past due and unpaid for 30 days following the end of the month of the last billing period, service to the delinquent customer's bill shall be disconnected and not reconnected until all past due charges have been paid in full, the security deposit replenished if necessary in order to bring it to \$125 and the reconnection charge of \$45.00 shall be paid.

Section 6: Tampering

It shall be misdemeanor for any person or persons to tamper with any water main, water meter or water line, or to make any connection to the water system of the City without permission of the City, or to reconnect service when service has been disconnected by the City. Tampering includes adding soil or other fill in excess of one additional foot over a City water line or covering a manhole cover, valve vault or meter box.

Section 7: Water Service Outside City

It shall be a misdemeanor for any person or persons to tamper with any water main, water meter, or water line, or to make any connection to the water system of the City without permission of the City, or to reconnect service when service has been disconnected by the City. Tampering includes adding soil or other fill in excess of one additional foot over a city water line or covering a manhole cover, valve vault or meter box.

Any person who violates any provision of the section 7 shall be guilty of an ordinance violation and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 per occurrence, a jail sentence not to exceed 60 days, or both fine and jail sentence.

Section 8: Water Service Outside City

The City may provide water to customers outside the city limits according to the provisions of this ordinance. Connection the City’s water system must be made according to standards established by the Missouri Department of Resources, the City’s engineer and this minimum standard for service lines, which shall consist of Series 40-240 PVC pipe with proper bedding consisting of sand or gravel (smaller than ¾) laid in a ditch with a minimum depth of 24 inches. After connection of the water line, the ditch must be left open for pressure test witnessed and approved by the City’s representative.

Variance from the requirements of this section may be granted only upon application to the Board of Aldermen, subject to the review at applicant’s expense, by the City’s engineer.

Section 10: Repeal and Construction

All provisions of the City’s ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance is to be construed with other ordinances of the City.

Read Two times and Passed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Reeds Spring, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor, this ____ day of August, 2016.

<u>Members of the Board:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
_____ Nick Hafar	_____	_____
_____ Melvin Massey	_____	_____
_____ T. Gordon Weathers	_____	_____
_____ Rob Chamberlin	_____	_____

Attest:

Rose Warriner, City Clerk

Kevin Hayward, Mayor