

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE TOWN OF TUNICA, AND TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH SERVICE, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH AMENDED RATES AND CHARGES: AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

The Board took up for consideration the rates, charges, terms, and conditions of the service of water and sewer rendered by the Town of Tunica Water System to residential, commercial and industrial customers. After diligent study, the Board determined that the current rates of the Town of Tunica are not sufficient to support the enterprise fund and that the minimum gallons for the base rate far exceed the minimum gallons allowed by similar sized water systems within the State. The Board also determined that the expenses incurred outside the town are greater in proportion to those expenses incurred within the corporate limits of the Town and that an additional increase in charges is necessary to cover infrastructure debt incurred in these areas pursuant to section 21-27-39 MS Code Ann.1972, to offset the electrical, debt, and supply-related expenses for water in these areas, and to cover those same expenses for wastewater. In addition, deposit requirements for rental customers, both inside the town and outside the town, will increase from \$50.00 to \$100.00. Homeowners' deposits will remain at \$50.00. For those customers transferring from one address within the water system to another address in the system, there will be a charge of \$25.00 per occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Tunica, Mississippi that water rates shall be as follows:

INSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF TOWN

		<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
RESIDENTIAL	0-4000 GL	\$12.00	\$12.00
	OVER 4000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL
POOLS/SPRINKLERS	0-2000 GL	\$6.00	\$0.00
	OVER 2000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL	\$0.00
SMALL COMMERCIAL	0-4000 GL	\$15.00	\$15.00
	OVER 4000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL
LARGE COMMERCIAL	0-25,000 GL	\$105.00	\$105.00
	OVER 25, 000	\$2.50/1000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL
HOTELS/MOTELS W/MORE THAN 50 ROOMS, APARTMENT COMPLEX W/SINGLE METER	0-50,000 GL	\$131.25	\$131.25
	OVER 50,000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL	\$2.50/1000 GL

OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF TOWN

		<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
RESIDENTIAL	0-4000 GL	\$16.50	\$16.50
	OVER 4000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL
POOLS/SPRINKLERS	0-2000 GL	\$8.25	\$0.00
	OVER 2000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL	\$0.00
SMALL COMMERCIAL	0-4000 GL	\$23.25	\$23.25
	OVER 4000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL
LARGE COMMERCIAL	0-25,000 GL	\$137.50	\$137.50
	OVER 25,000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL
HOTELS/MOTELS W/MORE THAN 50 ROOMS, APARTMENT COMPLEX W/SINGLE METER			
	0-50,000 GL	\$180.00	\$180.00
	OVER 50,000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL	\$3.25/1000 GL

Water customers of the Town of Tunica shall be billed monthly and payment shall be due upon receipt. A late charge of 10% shall accrue on all unpaid balances following the 15th of the month. Failure to pay for service after the 20th of the month may result in disconnection of service. To reinstate service, a reconnection fee of \$50.00 shall be required. Payment of the entire amount due shall be paid in full prior to reconnection. These requirements are the same for customers within the Town of Tunica.

In the event a water leak is discovered that is the customer's responsibility, that customer shall be given ten days (10) to correct said problem. If the problem is not corrected, it shall be the right of the Town of Tunica to repair, or have the leak repaired, and bill the customer on the next water bill.

Sales tax will be applied to all accounts as determined by the governing authority of the State of Mississippi.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective April 29, 2015.

ADOPTED, ORDAINED, AND APPROVED this the 17th day of March 2015.

Charles M. Cariker, Mayor