

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED SEWER RATES

CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI

(Effective: November 1, 2021)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi find that it is necessary to revise and increase the sewer rates in the City in order to satisfy certain financial obligations for maintenance and improvements in the City sewer system, and to account for additional fees being assessed to the City by the Sand Creek Wastewater Authority, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-27-23 (1972, as amended).

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Sewer Rates.

Sewer rates shall be based upon the customer's usage of water. There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Twenty-One Dollars (\$21.00) for sewer services and usage for the first Two-Thousand (2000) gallons of water used, as determined by the customer's water meter each monthly billing period. There shall be an additional charge of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) for sewer services and usage for each additional One-Thousand (1000) gallons of water used, or any part thereof, as determined by the customer's water meter each monthly billing period. The aforementioned rates include the charges assessed to the City for treatment and services provided by the Sand Creek Wastewater Authority. The applicable rates and amount for sewer service described above shall be in addition to the applicable rates and amount for monthly water service.

In the event that a sewer customer does not have city water service, such as a customer with their own water well or a customer that receives water service through another source or provider, then their monthly sewer bill shall be subject to the above rates based upon a presumed monthly water usage amount of Seven-Thousand (7,000) gallons. The total bill will include the base rate and the overage rate as described herein above. The board finds that this amount is fair and reasonable, under the circumstances, in that there would be no other reasonable way to meter the customer's sewage usage independently.

In the event that there are commercial customers that would require an extraordinarily high monthly water usage versus that of actual sewage usage, or any other set of extenuating circumstances, the Saltillo Board of Aldermen hereby reserves the right to officially review and, if necessary, adjust any such monthly billing rate on a case-by-case basis.

Section 2. Sewer Access and Connection Fee.

There shall be no change in policy or rate as to sewer access and connection fees.

Section 3. Applicability.

The sewer rates and policy as described in Sections 1. and 2. above shall apply to all Saltillo sewer customers, so long as they are situated either within, or within one (1) mile of, the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi.

Section 4. Severability, Conflict, Effective Date, and Publication & Recording.

(A) Severability. Should any section, clause, paragraph, provision, or part of this ordinance for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, this act shall not affect the validity of any other section, clause, paragraph, provision, or part of this ordinance. All provisions of this ordinance shall be considered separate provisions, and completely severable from all other portions.

(B) Conflict. In any case where a provision of this ordinance is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, existing on the effective date of the ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall take precedence.

(C) Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be official upon publication and after the passage of at least one (1) month from the date hereof, with an effective beginning date of November 1, 2021.

(D) Publication & Recording. The City Clerk is instructed to publish the substance of this ordinance one time in the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, pursuant to and in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 21-17-19 (1972, as amended), and to obtain proof of publication thereof and record this ordinance in the ordinance book. Said ordinance shall also be posted at the Saltillo, Mississippi City Hall and in at least one (1) other public place in a conspicuous manner and shall otherwise be available for review, upon request, from the date following passage until the said effective date of November 1, 2021.

Section 5. Adoption and Certification.

UPON MOTION of Alderman Brian Morgan, duly seconded by Alderman Craig Sanders, the aforesaid ordinance was put to a vote with the Aldermen voting, as follows:

Sonya Witcher	Yea
Scottie Clark	Absent (illness)
Terry Glidewell	Yea
Craig Sanders	Yea
Brian Morgan	Yea

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this the 17th day of August, 2021, at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saultillo, Mississippi.



Copey Grantham, Mayor
City of Saultillo, Mississippi



Mary Parker, City Clerk
City of Saultillo, Mississippi



NOTE: This ordinance was approved and adopted by the Mayor and Board of Alderman at their Regular Meeting on August 17, 2021 and appears in Minute Book 13 at Pages 86-89.