ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED WATER AND SEWER RATES IN THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI, AND WITHIN ONE (1) MILE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi find that it is necessary to revise and increase the water and sewer rates in the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, and within one (1) mile of the boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, in order to satisfy certain financial obligations for maintenance and improvements in the water and sewer systems for the City of Saltillo, Mississippi 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:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that, due to the increased cost in necessary maintenance and improvements to the water and sewer systems for the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, a rate increase of Two Percent (2%), excluding sewer access and connection fees, is reasonable, necessary, and in the overall best interest of the City and its Citizens. For example purposes, the aforementioned rate increase would result in the cost of the first Two Thousand (2000) gallons of water for a customer residing within the municipal boundaries of Saltillo, Mississippi, to change from \$9.64 to \$9.83.

Section 1. Water Rates

There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Nine Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$9.83) for the first Two Thousand (2000) gallons of water used, as determined by the customer's water meter each monthly billing period, for customers who reside within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi.

There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Thirteen Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$13.11) for the first Two Thousand (2000) gallons of water used, as determined by the customer's water meter each monthly billing period, for customers who reside outside the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, but within one (1) mile of said municipal boundaries.

There shall be an additional charge for customers who reside within the municipal boundaries of Saltillo, Mississippi, and for customers who reside within one (1) mile of said municipal boundaries, of Three Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$3.91) 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.

Section 2. <u>Yard Meters</u>

There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Nine Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$9.46) for the first Two Thousand (2000) gallons of water used, as determined by the customer's water meter each monthly billing period, for all customers who have a Yard Meter and reside either within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi or outside the municipal boundaries, but within one (1) mile of said municipal boundaries.

There shall be an additional charge for all customers who have a Yard Meter and reside either within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi or outside the municipal boundaries, but within one (1) mile of said municipal boundaries, of Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$3.75) for each additional One Thousand (1000) gallons of water used, or any part thereof, as determined by the customer's water meter each billing period.

Section 3. Sewer Rates

Sewer rates shall be based upon the customer's usage of water (Please see Section 1. herein above), and shall apply to all customers who reside either within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi or outside the municipal boundaries, but within one (1) mile of said municipal boundaries. There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Twelve Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$12.37) 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 Three Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$3.91) 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 appropriate rate and amount for sewer service shall be in addition to the appropriate rate and amount for water service as set out in Section 1. and, if applicable, Section 2. herein above.

Section 4. Sewer Access and Connection Fee

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

Section 5. Applicability

The water rates herein shall apply only to those customers of Saltillo Water Works within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, and those who are within one (1)

mile of the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, as set forth more particularly in Sections 1. and 2. herein above. The sewer rates as described in Sections 3. and 4. shall apply to all Saltillo Water Works customers within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, and to any other customer who has connected to the Saltillo Water Works sewage system, so long as they are within one (1) mile of the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi.

Section 6. Severability, Conflict, Effective Date, and Publication & Recording

- (A) <u>Severability</u>. 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) <u>Conflict</u>. 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.
- © <u>Effective Date</u>. 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 October 1, 2014.
 - (D) <u>Publication & Recording</u>. 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 October 1, 2014.

Section 7. Adoption and Certification

UPON MOTION of Alderman Brad Woodcock, duly seconded by Alderman Terry Glidewell, the aforesaid ordinance was put to a vote with Aldermen voting as follows:

ALDERMEN VOTING "YEA":

Jewell Webb Brad Woodcock Terry Glidewell

ALDERMEN VOTING "NAY":

ALDERMEN ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

Scott Knight (absent)
Donald Cullum (absent)

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this the 26th day of August, 2014, at the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi.

Rex Smith, Mayor

City of Saltillo, Mississippi

Mary Parker, City Clerk City of Saltillo, Mississippi

NOTE:

This ordinance was approved and adopted by the Mayor and Board of Alderman at their Special Meeting on August 26, 2015 and appears in Minute Book 2014 at pages 76-79.