ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVISED WATER RATES WITHIN THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI AND WITHIN ONE (1) MILE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI (August 26, 2019 Passage)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi find that it is necessary to revise and increase the water 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 and rising costs for supply, maintenance and improvements in the water system 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 decided that, due to the increased cost in supply and necessary maintenance and improvements to the water system for the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, a rate increase, excluding changes in water access and connection fees, is reasonable, necessary, and in the overall best interest of the City and its Citizens.

Section 1. Water Rates.

There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$17.50) 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 or are located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Saltillo, Mississippi.

There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$17.50) 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 or are located 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 or are located within the municipal boundaries of Saltillo, Mississippi, and for customers who reside or are located within one (1) mile of said municipal boundaries, of Five Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$5.80) 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. Yard Meters.

There shall be a minimum charge per customer of Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$17.50) 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 or are located 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 or are located 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 Five Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$5.80) 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. Customers located more than one (1) mile outside municipal limit.

The City of Saltillo has requested a rate increase with the Mississippi Public Service Commission (Case Number 2019-UN-153) for all customers who reside or are located outside one (1) mile of the municipal boundaries of the City at the rate of Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$17.50) for the first Two Thousand (2000) gallons of water used and Five Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$5.80) for each additional One Thousand (1,000) gallons of water used, or any part thereof, as determined by the customer's water meter each billing period. To the extent that, and contingent upon, the aforementioned request being duly approved and adopted by the Mississippi Public Service Commission, said rates are hereby adopted and approved by the Saltillo Board of Aldermen and shall go into effect either at the time of the effective date contained herein below or at such effective date as the Commission shall otherwise approve, which shall occur later.

Section 4. Access and Connection Fees.

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

Section 5. Applicability.

The water rates herein shall apply only to those Saltillo customers 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, as set forth more particularly in Sections 1. and 2. herein above, and to those customers located outside one (1) mile of the municipal boundaries of the City, contingent upon approval of the request for same with MPSC as indicated in Section 3. herein above.

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.
- (C) <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 **December 1, 2019.**
- (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 to 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 December 1, 2019.

Section 7. Adoption and Certification.

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

ALDERMEN VOTING:

Terry Glidewell Yea
Donald Cullum Nay
Copey Grantham Absent
Craig Sanders Yea
Malcomb Driskill Yea

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this the 26th day of August, 2019, 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

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NOTE:

This ordinance was approved and adopted by the Mayor and Board of Alderman at their Special Meeting on August 26, 2019 and appears in Minute Book 11 at Pages 79-80.