

ORDINANCE NO. A-303\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER ORDINANCE NO. A-2033  
OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to amend the Water Ordinance of the City of Newton, to amend certain rates and charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton, Mississippi that the Water Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

ORDINANCE A-303\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE A-203  
WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE FIXING WATER RATES AND PROVIDING FOR  
OBTAINING AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES, SAID AMENDMENT CHANGING  
THE RATES AND CHARGES PROVIDED THEREIN

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. A-203 has been in effect since March 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing water services to the people of this city has constantly increased since that time; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to adjust the rates and charges in line with increased cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1. That the following rates be and they are hereby established as the rates to be charged by the Newton Municipal Water Works System for water furnished to all customers of said system;

For every person, firm or corporation, whether domestic, commercial or industrial, within the corporate limits of the City of Newton the following rates for the upward consumption or use of water shall apply, exclusive of any local, state or federal tax now or later put in force.:

First 2,000 gallons or less consumed \$15.00 Minimum Charge  
Next 7,000 gallons or less consumed \$0.10/100 gallons  
Next 35,000 gallons or less consumed \$0.08/100 gallons  
All over 50,000 gallons or less consumed \$0.07/100 gallons

SECTION 2. That the following minimum charges be and they are hereby established:

Every person, firm or corporation domestic, commercial or industrial within corporation limits of the City of Newton shall pay the following minimum charge per month, based on the size of the meter opening:

- 5/8" meter, minimum charge of \$15.00 allowing 2,000 gallons
- 1" and 2" meter, minimum charge of \$29.75 allowing 18,000 gal
- 3" and 4" meter, minimum charge of \$149.75 allowing 120,000 gal.

Every person, firm or corporation, whether domestic, commercial or industrial, outside the corporate limits of the City of Newton, shall pay \$15.00 per month in addition to the minimum charge per month, based on the size of the meter opening as stated above.

SECTION 3: That the following service or installation charges be and they are hereby established:

Every person, firm or corporation, within the corporate limits of the City of Newton, whether domestic, commercial or industrial, shall pay the following service or installation charge before connection to the water system will be made:

- 5/8" Water Tap and connection.....\$535.00
- 1" Water Tap and Connection.....\$802.50
- 2" Water Tap and Connection.....\$1,926.00
- 3" and 4" Water Tap and Connection.....Actual cost of materials and labor as determined by Water Superintendent

Every person, firm, or corporation, outside the corporate limits of the City of Newton, whether domestic, commercial or industrial, shall first make application for water service at the City Clerk's Office, stating exactly where water lines may be placed, location for water meter, and that arrangements for easements across private property, if needed, have been made. The matter shall then be presented to the City Clerk and Director of Public Works for approval. If the project is approved, the exact cost shall be determined by the City Clerk and Director of Public Works, including the labor, materials, and any other expense to the City in placing the meter at a permanent location.

The total cost shall be submitted to the applicant and if accepted, the total cost shall be paid in full to the City before the work shall start on the project. If, for any reason, the project cannot be completed, the City agrees to refund monies to any parties not furnished water by the City. It shall be the intent of the City to do the work at cost and said water line will become the sole property of the City of Newton.

Every person, firm or corporation, inside or outside the corporate limits of the City of Newton, whether domestic, commercial or industrial, shall pay the following water service deposit before connection to the water system will be made:

- 5/8"meter connection .....\$175.00

1" meter connection.....	\$200.00
2" meter connection.....	\$225.00
3" meter connection.....	\$275.00
4" meter connection.....	\$275.00

SECTION 4: That all charges for water used and/or consumed according to the scale herein set out shall be due and payable by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the next month immediately following the month in which said water was used and/or consumed. A penalty charge of 10% of gross amount of account will be charged if the account is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month in which same is due and the account will be declared delinquent.

If the delinquent account of a property OWNER remains unpaid and is carried forward to the following month and the total bill is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, the Water Superintendent of the City of Newton is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to discontinue water customer's service without notice. If the delinquent account of a RENTER of property remains unpaid after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the current month; the water superintendent of the City of Newton is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to discontinue said water customer's service without notice. Any customer whose service has been discontinued may have his water service resumed by paying all water charges due plus a charge of \$35.00 for service fee. A charge of \$30.00 shall be assessed to any delinquent customer whose water service has been reconnected without City authorization. For each subsequent unauthorized reconnection, there shall be a charge of \$50.00.

SECTION 5: That all bills for water service be paid at the City Hall in the City Clerk's Office and to the City Clerk or an Assistant. Payments shall be made by cash, money order, valid personal checks, or bank drafts.

SECTION 6: That all customers who have meter deposits and whose water service has been discontinued for any reason, be refunded the full amount of such deposits, by the Clerk, less any charge for water service actually rendered to said customer and remaining unpaid.

SECTION 7: That any person, firm or corporation who knowingly makes or causes to be made, any connection to the water system, tampers with, molests, defaces, or in any way interferes with any equipment connected with the City Water Works System, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, be fined not less that \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each such offense.

SECTION 8: That there is hereby assessed a service charge of \$5.00 for each trip water department employees make to any meter for the purposes of cutting water on or off. A service charge of \$10.00 shall be assessed for transferring accounts from one meter to another and any other situation where a water customer requests that the City make a trip to the meter. No service charge shall be assessed for trips made by City Employees to repair or maintain meters.

SECTION 9: That the City Water Commissioner is hereby authorized to make whatever rules and regulations are necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 10: That all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after thirty days after publication according to law.

SECTION 12: That should any section or portion of any section or sections hereof be found and determined violative of any applicable constitute or laws of this state, such findings shall in no wise effect other section or sections hereby not found violative thereof.

SECTION 13: The applicant shall follow the guidelines set forth by the State Department of Health regarding onsite wastewater disposal.

PASSED BY THE Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton County, Mississippi, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024: And approved by the Mayor on the same day.

APPROVED:

/s/ Antonio Hoye  
Antonio Hoye, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Charlene Evans  
Charlene Evans, City Clerk

