

ORDINANCE 212

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 199 WHICH IS DEFICIENT AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR CONNECTION TO THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; ORDINANCE 199 AND ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAWS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield, Arkansas, maintains and operates the Garfield Waterworks Systems, hereafter referred to as the “system”; and

WHEREAS the cost to the city of installing water taps, meters, and connecting consumers to the System is subject to increasing costs of supplies and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Garfield City Council has declared that Ordinance 199 is outdated, and the following provisions are necessary for the efficient operation and administration of Garfield Waterworks system.

WHEREAS, all Consumers are required to sign a Water Users’ Agreement, prior to receiving water service. Providing false information, or deviation from the provisions of the Water Users’ Agreement could result in immediate termination of water service.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained by the city council of the City of Garfield, Arkansas.

Section 1: Repeal: That all sections of Ordinance 199 and all other ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 2: Water Taps and Meters Required. Unless approved by the state, each building structure shall have separate water meters. All premises and consumers using and receiving service from the Garfield Waterworks System must be equipped with an adequate water meter and if compatible an endpoint furnished by the city. To economically and efficiently provide this service henceforth Consumers are classified as either Residential or Commercial. The City of Garfield Waterworks System hereby adopts the following fees for new installations and or reconnections of existing water services. Water deposits, connections fees, or reconnection fees are non-transferable.

1. New Residential installation fees are as follows:

I.	First Time Connection Fee	\$1,500.00
II.	Inspection Fees	\$225.00
III.	Deposit Fees	<u>\$150.00</u>
IV.	Total	\$1,875.00

2. New Commercial installation fees are as follows:

I.	First Time Connection Fee	\$2,500.00
II.	Inspection Fee	\$ 450.00
III.	Deposit Fee	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
IV.	Total	\$3,200.00

3. All fees are based on a 5/8"x3/4" meter and 3-hour minimum labor. Additional charges may be assessed if extraordinary labor and/or equipment is required. The city requires all new commercial consumers to provide a copy of an Arkansas Department of Health approved septic system design, prior to receiving service.
4. Residential Consumers who have a meter set, the reconnection fees are as follows:

I.	Reconnection Fee	\$50.00
II.	Deposit Fee	<u>\$150.00</u>
III.	Total	\$200.00
5. Commercial Consumers who have a meter set, the reconnection fees are as follows:

I.	Reconnection Fee	\$100.00
II.	Deposit Fee	<u>\$250.00</u>
III.	Total	\$350.00
6. Downstream Meter connection fees, after customer receives and pays for ADH approval:

I.	Connection Fee	\$800.00
II.	Deposit Fee	<u>\$150.00</u>
III.	Total	\$950.00
7. Reconnection Fees after termination of water service for all locked or pulled meters due to non-payment of water bill:

I.	Reconnection Fee 8am-4pm M-F	\$100.00
II.	Reconnection Fee 4pm-8am & Weekends	\$200.00

Section 3: Commercial Consumers located on property zoned Commercial, on the Garfield Official Zoning Map, must provide a current Business License, or conditional use authorization, prior to receiving water service,

Section 4: All consumers are eligible for trash service. Trash service is provided as per an Agreement with the City and a Franchisee. The Franchisee has exclusive right to collect all trash for consumers of the Garfield Water System.

Section 5: Severability. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not render the remaining sections or provisions of this Ordinance unconstitutional or affect the validity of the same.

Section 6: Contingency Clause. The City reserves the right to increase these fees accordingly should the cost of materials and meters rise in the future.

Section 7: Emergency: It is hereby determined that the foregoing provisions are necessary for efficient operation and administration of the Garfield Waterworks system; therefore, an emergency is found to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2024

Approved: Garry Blackburn, Garry Blackburn, Mayor

ATTEST: Christal Allen, Christal Allen, Recorder-Treasurer