

ORDINANCE NO. 349

AN ORDINANCE RAISING WATER AND SEWER RATES IN THE CITY OF FOREMAN, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The Foreman City Council at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of September 2023 adopted the following Ordinance:

WHEREAS, Based on an analysis by its rate consultant, the City of Foreman sewer and water rates are insufficient to support the City water and sewer system, and further, deposit amounts and reconnect and tap charges are also insufficient; and,

WHEREAS, Based thereon, the City Council deems it prudent to raise the water and sewer rates, as well as deposits, reconnect fees, and tap charges for residents of the City of Foreman, Arkansas, effective immediately:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Foreman, Arkansas:

SECTION I: That water rates are raised to the following:

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month	\$31.69 (minimum)
For each 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month after 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.52

SECTION II: That sewer rates are raised to the following:

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month	\$13.00 (minimum)
For each 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month after 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.01

SECTION III: That Meter Deposits, Reconnect Fees, and Tap Fees are raised to the following:

Meter Deposits:	Homeowners -	\$ 100.00
	Renters -	\$ 200.00
Meter Reconnect Fees:	Business Hours -	\$ 50.00
	After Hours/Weekends -	\$ 75.00
Return Check/Electronic Payment	-	\$ 35.00
Water Tap Fees:	¾" Tap -	\$1,200.00
	1" Tap -	\$1,300.00
	1 ½" Tap -	\$3,700.00
	2" Tap -	\$4,800.00
Wastewater Tap Fee	4" Tap -	\$ 600.00

The customer is responsible for all charges from the water and/or wastewater tap to the customer's residence, which may include the cost of road bore work.

SECTION IV: That all sections of said ordinance not otherwise amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.


EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Inasmuch as the present sewer and water rates are insufficient to support the City of Foreman water and sewer departments, and the financial security of the system is in a precarious state. In order to comply with existing laws and provide for public health and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the November 2023 Billing Cycle.

This Ordinance was adopted on this 20th day of November, 2023.



William B. Harp, Mayor

ATTEST:



Roger Quilty, Recorder