

## ORDINANCE NO. 354

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, adopted the following Ordinance:

**WHEREAS,** Based on a significant water rate increase by the City's water provider, the City of Foreman sewer and water rates are insufficient to support the City water and sewer system; and,

**WHEREAS,** Based thereon, the City Council deems it prudent due to Act 605, to raise the water and sewer rates for residents of the City of Foreman, Arkansas:

**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:	\$ 44.36 (minimum)
---	--------------------

For each 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month after 1,000 gallons:	\$ 11.39
--	----------

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

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month:	\$13.79 (minimum)
---	-------------------

For each 1,000 gallons of water consumption (or portion thereof) per month after 1,000 gallons:	\$ 4.51
--	---------

**SECTION III:** 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 January 2026 Billing Cycle.

This Ordinance was adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



  
William B. Harp, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ashley Osborne, City Treasurer