

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02-1131

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 51.04: WATER SERVICE RATES OF THE TONTITOWN MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Tontitown has adopted regulations for water rates and fees which are codified in Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of the Tontitown Municipal Code, which was previously amended by Ordinance No. 2024-02-1098 on February 20, 2024;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tontitown now finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Tontitown to amend Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service of the Tontitown Municipal Code in order to reflect new water rates and fees; and

WHEREAS, having fully reviewed the proposed amendment, the Tontitown City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and benefit to the community to amend Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service of the Tontitown Municipal Code, as incorporated in the attached Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, as follows:

Section 1. Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service, of the Tontitown Municipal Code is hereby amended, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A", effective February 26, 2025.

Section 2. The rest and remainder of the Tontitown Municipal Code not specifically amended herein remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. In the event that any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or other provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

Section 4. Declaration of Emergency. It is hereby found and determined that Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of the Tontitown Municipal Code should be immediately amended in its entirety in order to adequately finance the water system of the City of Tontitown, as required by Arkansas Law. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act, being immediately necessary for the preservation and protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens, shall become effective on the date of its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25 day of February 2025.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell
Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni
Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)



§ 51.04 WATER SERVICE RATES.

The following water rates are hereby fixed for the services to be rendered by the Tontitown Municipal Water System for consumers within the corporate limits of the city and for consumers living outside the corporate limits of the city:

TONTITOWN WATER SERVICE RATES - Effective February 26, 2025			
Inside City Minimum Bill		Outside City Minimum Bill	
Meter 5/8" Residential	\$17.00	Meter 5/8" Residential	\$24.44
Meter 5/8" Comm., Ind., Irrigation	\$18.80	Meter 5/8" Comm., Ind., Irrigation	\$24.44
Meter fee (BWRPWA)	\$1.50	Meter fee (BWRPWA)	\$1.50
Health Fee	\$0.40	Health Fee	\$0.40
Local, County, and State Taxes		Local, County, and State Taxes	
Inside City Rates	Per 1,000 Gal.	Outside City Rates	Per 1,000 Gal.
Residential	\$5.86	Residential	\$7.42
Commercial	\$6.41	Commercial	\$8.13
Industrial	\$6.98	Industrial	\$8.91

WATER FEES					
Monthly meter base rates	5/8"	1"	2"	3"	4"
Inside city	\$17.00	\$48.07	\$319.03	\$864.91	\$1,152.90
Outside city	\$24.44	\$62.49	\$414.74	\$1,124.38	\$1,498.77
Tap fees	5/8"	1"	2"	3"	4"
Tap fee < 150 psi	\$1,750.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,550.00	At cost	At cost
Tap fees > 150 psi	\$2,200.00	\$2,900.00	\$6,300.00	At cost	At cost
The cost of all road bores shall be paid by the customer.					
Bores and encasements must comply with TWU Standard Specifications.					
Cost to install a 5/8" irrigation meter on an existing service: \$1000.00					
If a new main line tap is required to install an irrigation meter, customers will be required to pay the full tap fee.					

METER DEPOSIT FEES

Residential	\$50.00	
Commercial	\$80.00	
Hydrant meter - 2" - 5/8"	\$900.00 \$200.00	

Notes:

1. A 10% late charge will be assessed to all bills that are not paid by the due date, as shown on bill.
2. All accounts not paid by the shut-off date, as shown on late notice, will have a \$25 reconnection fee if connected during normal business hours.
3. All accounts not paid by the shut-off date, as shown on late notice, will have a \$100 reconnection fee if connected after normal business hours.
4. Penalty for returned check or bank draft is \$25, plus any bank service charges.
5. An annual fee of \$90 will be charged to verify the working condition of cross connection devices. Repairs are the responsibility of the customer.
6. The service charge to test meters or change meter sizes is \$50 plus applicable tap charge if needed.

(Ord. 2015-10-548, passed 10-6-15; Am. Ord. 2015-12-560, passed 12-1-15; Am. Ord. 2016-08-593, passed 8-3-16; Am. Ord. 2017-01-613, passed 1-3-17; Am. Ord. 2019-01-826, passed 1-2-19; Am. Ord. 2019-07-850, passed 7-2-19; Am. Ord. 2020-02-877, passed 2-4-20; Am. Ord. 2022-01-973, passed 1-4-22; Am. Ord. 2023-04-1048, passed 4-18-23; Am. Ord. 2023-07-1063, passed 7-18-23)