

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF CROSSETT, ARKANSAS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28, 2021, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Crossett City Council hereby determines that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Crossett, Arkansas, to increase the water rate schedule, for the City of Crossett, Arkansas, effective February 28, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSETT, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: Section 10.24.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crossett, Arkansas, is hereby amended to read:

10.24.02 Water rates. Effective for all services provided after February 28, 2021, the rates in this section are hereby established as rates to be charged for water furnished and services rendered by the Crossett Water Commission, which rates the City Council finds and declares to be reasonable and necessary minimum rates to be charged.

Within city limits

Monthly water rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or less.....	\$13.83
For the next 8,000 gallons of water consumption per month, per 1,000 gallons.....	\$5.02
For all monthly water consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per month, per 1,000 gallons.....	\$4.44

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Minimum monthly charges: The monthly water bill for each connection shall be based on the consumption rates stated in the monthly water rates, but shall not be less than:

	<u>Allowed usage (gal.)</u>
\$ 13.83 for ¾" meter	2,000
\$ 28.89 for 1" meter	5,000
\$ 62.87 for 1 ½" meter	12,000
\$ 85.07 for 2" meter	17,000
\$ 187.19 for 3" meter	40,000
\$ 453.59 for 4" meter	100,000
\$ 27.66 for double minimum	4,000
\$ 41.49 for triple minimum	6,000
\$ 55.32 for quadruple minimum	8,000

Connection charge: There shall be a connection charge in an amount equal to the actual cost to the city for every customer who is connected to the system. The cost to the city shall be reviewed each January and shall be determined as follows:

- A. For ¾" and 1" meters, the average cost per connection for the past 12 consecutive months.
- B. For meters larger than 1", the actual current cost of materials and labor.

Fire sprinkler service: \$50.00 per calendar year.

Reconnection fee: \$50.00 per reconnection during normal working hours and \$75.00 for non-working hours.

Tampering fee: \$100.00 per violation. For the purpose of this ordinance, "tampering" is described as follows: any unauthorized use or operation of any appurtenance connected to the City's water distribution system, including but not limited to water meters, water valves and fire hydrants.

Outside city limits

Monthly water rates:

For the first 2,000 gallons of water consumption per month, or less.....	\$16.84
For the next 8,000 gallons of water consumption per month, per 1,000 gallons.....	\$ 6.04

For all monthly water consumption in excess of
10,000 gallons per month, per 1,000 gallons..... \$ 5.37

Minimum monthly charges: The monthly water bill for each connection shall be based on the consumption rates stated in the monthly water rates outside the city limits, but shall not be less than:

	<u>Allowed usage (gal.)</u>
\$ 16.84 for ¾" meter	2,000
\$ 34.96 for 1" meter	5,000
\$ 75.90 for 1 ½" meter	12,000
\$ 102.75 for 2" meter	17,000
\$ 226.26 for 3" meter	40,000
\$ 548.46 for 4" meter	100,000
\$ 33.68 for double minimum	4,000
\$ 50.52 for triple minimum	6,000
\$ 67.36 for quadruple minimum	8,000

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Section 2: One user per meter: The operation of the system shall be on a fully metered basis, with a meter installed at each water connection, and there shall be but one user on a single meter.

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4: EMERGENCY CLAUSE: The City of Crossett's water rate schedule must be immediately revised in order for the Crossett Water Commission to adequately prepare for anticipated budgetary needs. Therefore, the public health, peace and safety of the citizens of the City of Crossett is in immediate danger, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED February 23, 2021.

CITY OF CROSSETT, ARKANSAS

By:

Crystal Marshall
CRYSTAL MARSHALL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Clark Terrell

CLARK TERRELL,
CITY CLERK-TREASURER