

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003

AN ORDINANCE FIXING RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Tyronza, Arkansas (the "City") owns and operates a water and sewer system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, Act 605 of 2021 required a retail water provider that served five hundred (500) or fewer customers to have a rate study by July 1, 2024, and then every five (5) years thereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Tyronza Water & Sewer's rate study was competed on June 13, 2025 by Arkansas Rural Water Association, which is an approve rate study provider, and

WHEREAS, The result of the rate study was there needed to be an increase in the systems water rates.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held concerning the proposed rate increase after notice of such public hearing was published at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.

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

Section 1. The monthly rates and charges hereinafter set forth that the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable and minimum rates to be charged for water services be, and they are hereby, fixed as rates to be charged by the System. The sewer rates are not being increased from rates currently charged.

Section 2. All charges shall be based on water consumption as shown by water meter measurement, and the amount to be paid by each customer shall be computed on the basis of the following schedule of rates:

WATER RATES

Residential & Commercial

For the first 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month	\$13.09 (minimum)
For all other water consumption in excess of 1,000 gallons per month	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons

Heafer-Black Oak Water Association (Wholesale Rate)

For the first 29,900 gallons of water consumption per month	\$94.52 (minimum)
For all water consumption in excess of 29,900 per month	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons

Section 3. The following water rates shall be effective on January 1, 2026.

Section 4: That annual increases of three percent shall be added to the above indicated water rates beginning on January 1, each year.

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are separable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 6. All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. That as the cost of providing water services has increased over the years, although rates have not been increased recently, it is necessary to raise water rates to provide essential water service to the City. Therefore, it is declared that an emergency exists and this and this Ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2025

CITY OF TYRONZA

By: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna DeWood
Recorder/Treasurer

(SEAL)