

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF JONESBORO WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Town of Jonesboro has reviewed its current water rates and has determined that an adjustment is necessary to ensure the sustainability and improvement of the water system;

WHEREAS, the Town will transfer \$260,000 from the general fund to offset water rates and allocate these funds for the proposed water rate increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Jonesboro, Louisiana, that the water rates for the Town of Jonesboro Water System shall be amended as follows:

Section 1: Current Water Rates

**Residential Inside City Limits:**

- \$16.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum
- \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

**Residential Outside City Limits:**

- \$24.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

**Commercial Inside City Limits:**

- \$20.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum
- \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

**Commercial Outside City Limits:**

- \$20.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

## Section 2: Proposed New Water Rates

### **Residential Inside City Limits:**

- \$26.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum per month
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

### **Residential Outside City Limits:**

- \$36.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum per month
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

### **Commercial Inside City Limits:**

- \$60.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum per month
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

### **Commercial Outside City Limits:**

- \$70.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum per month
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

### **Industrial Inside City Limits:**

- \$751.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum per month
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

### **Schools:**

- \$240.00 per 2,000 gallons minimum per month
- \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons after 2,000 gallons

## Section 3: Duration of Rates

The proposed new rates will remain in effect for one year from the date of approval by the Town Council. If, after one year, the Town of Jonesboro is still on a flat rate and not utilizing meter readings, all rates will increase by \$10.00.

## Section 4: Rate Study

The Town of Jonesboro reserves the right to conduct a rate study after new water meters are implemented, at which time the rates may be subject to change.

## Section 5: Rate Comparison Chart

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Current Rates</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
<b>Residential Inside City Limits</b>	\$16.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons	\$26.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Residential Outside City Limits</b>	\$24.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$36.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Commercial Inside City Limits</b>	\$20.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons	\$60.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Commercial Outside City Limits</b>	\$20.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$70.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Schools</b>	\$240 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$250.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons
<b>Industrial Inside City Limits</b>	\$751.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$761.00 per 2,000 gallons + \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons

### Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

### Section 7: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8: Severability

If any provision or item of this ordinance, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 9: Authority to Implement

The Mayor of Jonesboro is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as necessary to implement the provisions of this ordinance.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Dr. J. Spike Harris

Mayor, Town of Jonesboro

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Attest: Town Clerk