

**ORDINANCE NO. 62-24**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR RATES FOR SERVICES  
OF THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM AND SUPERSEDING  
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas that:

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 68-10 and all prior drinking water system rate ordinances are hereby repealed on the effective date of the rates established by this ordinance and replaced with the following:

Users of the drinking water system shall be and are hereby required to pay monthly drinking water user base charges and volume charges in accordance with the schedule set forth below. The user charge accrual shall commence on the date the customer makes the service connection or on the date the City's facilities are ready for use, whichever is later.

Rate Schedule  
Effective August 1, 2024

<u>Retail Base Charge</u>	<u>Per Account</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	Meter	\$6.00
1"	Meter	\$12.05
1 1/4"	Meter	\$14.22
1 1/2"	Meter	\$25.64
2"	Meter	\$37.04
3"	Meter	\$111.91
4"	Meter	\$183.19
6"	Meter	\$265.32
8"	Meter	\$408.51
10"	Meter	\$542.31
<u>User Class</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Retail Volume Charge		
Residential 1-3 CCF	CCF	\$2.66
Residential 4-7 CCF	CCF	\$3.86
Residential 8-16 CCF	CCF	\$5.26
Residential ≥17 CCF	CCF	\$6.76

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<u>User Class</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>Retail Volume Charge</u>		
Irrigation	CCF	\$6.76
Commercial	CCF	\$3.50
Industrial	CCF	\$3.50
<u>Wholesale Base Charge</u>		
<u>Per Account</u>		
1 ½"	Meter	\$25.64
2"	Meter	\$37.04
3"	Meter	\$111.91
4"	Meter	\$183.19
6"	Meter	\$265.32
8"	Meter	\$408.51
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<u>User Class</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>Wholesale Volume Charge</u>		
Contract Water Users North of the Arkansas River	CCF	\$2.52
Contract Water Users South of the Arkansas River	CCF	\$3.04

SECTION 2: The volumetric rate/charge for all direct retail users outside the corporate limits of the City of Fort Smith shall be 1.5 times the standard retail volumetric rate/charge of the applicable retail user class, as set forth in the rate schedules above.

SECTION 3: Low income residential users inside the corporate limits of the City of Fort Smith may apply for Project Concern. If the residential user meets the qualifications for Project Concern, base and volumetric rates for such user will be 0.5 times the standard base and volumetric residential rate.

SECTION 4: In addition to rates and charges established by this Ordinance, the City Administrator, through his/her authorized representative, is authorized and directed to cause the \$0.40 per active meter service per month charge mandated by Act 788 of 2019 (and any subsequent amended amount by subsequent legislation) to be collected and to cause the sum collected to be paid to the Arkansas Department of Health pursuant to Act 788 of 2019 and the subsequent legislation.


SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall not repeal the City's Water Conservation Code Codified at Section 25-136 to Section 25-143 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

SECTION 6: The codifier of the City's Ordinances may codify or not codify the provisions of this Ordinance at the codifier's discretion.


SECTION 7: Emergency Clause. It is hereby determined that the adoption of rates for services of the drinking water system of the City as set forth herein is essential to the proper operation and maintenance of the City's Water Utilities and Solid Waste Department. Therefore, an emergency is declared so that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of August 1, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.


APPROVED:

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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