AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, Leake County, Mississippi, as follows:

SECTION I. The rates or charges for the use and services of the waterworks and sewerage system of the City of Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi, are hereby established as follows:

CHARGES FOR WATER & SEWER SERVICES

The minimum monthly charge or base monthly charge is \$12.00 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used and \$12.00 for the first 2,000 gallons for sewer service which is applicable to every Residential User; and \$18.50 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used and \$18.50 for the first 2,000 gallons for sewer service for all Commercial Customers as determined by the City Clerk. There shall be added to this uniform charge or rate \$3.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used for water service and \$3.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons used for sewer service which is applicable to every Residential user, \$4.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used for water service and \$4.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons used for sewer service which is applicable to every Commercial Customer. Goshen Water shall increase from \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons used to \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons used.

Whenever such water and/or sewer, services shall be furnished to any customer residing outside the corporate limits of the City of Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi, unless otherwise provided by law, such customer shall be charged at a rate equal to twice the rate charged for such services within the corporate limits of the City of Carthage, Leake County, Mississippi. The charge for water, supplied to customers where sewer service is not provided by the City, shall be at the rate set for water use as set forth above.

Notwithstanding this provision, the City of Carthage may enter into contracts with rural water systems or government agencies to provide water services outside the corporate limits at rates agreed upon and approved by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SECTION II. If the charges for water service for any month are not paid by the 10th day of month next after the presentation of the bill or statement of charges for water & sewer use, then a penalty in the amount of 20% of the total sum due shall be assessed and charged as a late penalty. Water service shall be terminated on the 21st day of following month and not reinstated **except** upon bill being paid in full during normal or regular business hours including the penalty of \$50.00 plus all applicable taxes. Further, the residential water/sewer deposit shall be \$90.00 and rental deposit shall be \$180.00 for all new rental residential water services. The City of Carthage rates for water and sewer taps shall be applicable and rates will increase should supplies increase.

Water users shall sign water user agreement.

SECTION III. The total monthly bill for water services shall be subject to State and Municipal sales tax.

SECTION IV. This Amended Ordinance shall become effective thirty days from date of passage.

SECTION V. All ordinances or parts thereof and all amendments thereto which are contrary to or inconsistent with this ordinance or parts hereof be and they are hereby repealed and held for naught.

The foregoing Amended Ordinance having been reduced to writing and having been read and considered by Section and then as a whole, <u>Alderman Josh Stokes</u> moved to adopt same by Sections and as a whole. <u>Alderwoman Robin Burgess</u> seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance, and the Mayor having called the question, the following vote was recorded:

Britt Barnes voting "Aye" Robin Burgess voting "Aye" Josh Stokes voting "Aye" Marcus Williams voting "Aye"

The Motion having received the affirmative vote of all Aldermen present, the Mayor declared the same carried.

SO ORDERED this the 7th day of August, 2023.

Laurie Henderson

Mayor, City of Carthage, Leake

County, Mississippi

Penny Spears

Clerk, City of Carthage,

Leake County, Mississippi