

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-001

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 \$15.25 for the first 2,000
gallons of water used and \$15.25 for the first 2,000 gallons for sewer service which is applicable
to every Residential User; and \$25.25 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used and \$25.25 for the
first 2,000 gallons for sewer service for all Commercial Customers; and \$25.25 for the first 2,000
gallons of water used and \$25.25 for the first 2,000 gallons for sewer service which is applicable
to every Industrial User as determined by the City Clerk. There shall be added to this uniform
charge or rate \$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 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, \$5.50 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used for water used for water service
and \$5.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons used for sewer service which is applicable to every
Industrial User. Outside Residential User \$30.50 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used and
\$30.50 for the first 2,000 gallons for sewer service. Outside Commercial User \$50.50 for the first
2000 gallons of water used and \$50.50 for the first 2000 gallons of sewer used as determined by
the City Clerk. There shall be added to this uniform charge or rate of \$9.50 per each additional
1,000 gallons of water used for water service and \$9.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons used
for sewer service which is applicable to every Outside City residential Customer. Outside City
Commercial, \$9.50 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used for water service and \$9.50
for each additional 1,000 gallons used for sewer service which is applicable to every Outside
City Commercial Customer.

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 \$75.00 plus all applicable taxes. Further, the residential water/sewer deposit shall be \$180.00 and rental deposit shall be \$250.00 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, Alderswoman Robin Burgess moved to adopt same by Sections and as a whole. Alderman Josh Stokes 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 "Nay"

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

SO ORDERED this the 4th day of August, 2025.


Laurie Henderson
Mayor, City of Carthage, Leake
County, Mississippi

ATTEST:


Penny Spears, MMC
Clerk, City of Carthage,
Leake County, Mississippi

