ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE MONTHS UPON WHICH SEWER CHARGES ARE CALCULATED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HEBER SPRINGS, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS REALTING THERETO. $\Re \operatorname{ELLTING}$

WHEREAS, the City of Heber Springs, Arkansas (the "City") owns a water and sewer system (the "System") which is operated by the Heber Springs Water and Sewer Commission (the "Commission"); and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary by the Commission to change the months upon which sewer charges are calculated;

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

<u>Section 1</u>. Residential sewer charges will be calculated each October. Residential sewer charges will remain fixed for twelve (12) billing cycles unless the sewer rate is changed by the City.

<u>Section 2</u>. Residential sewer charges will equal the average monthly water usage billed in November and December of the preceding year, January, February, March, and April of the current year multiplied by the sewer rate that applies to the residential user.

<u>Section 3</u>. Commercial sewer charges will be calculated each October and remain fixed for twelve (12) billing cycles unless the sewer rate is changed by the City.

<u>Section 4</u>. Commercial sewer charges will equal the average monthly water usage billed in October, November, December of the preceding year, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September of the current year multiplied by the sewer rate that applies to the commercial user.

<u>Section 5</u>. Industrial sewer charges will be calculated each October and remain fixed for twelve (12) billing cycles unless the sewer rate is changed by the City.

<u>Section 6</u>. Industrial sewer charges will equal the average monthly water usage billed in October, November, December of the preceding year, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September of the current year multiplied by the sewer rate that applies to the industrial user.

<u>Section 7</u>. Residential, Commercial, and Industrial status to be determined by the Commission.

<u>Section 8</u>. The Heber Springs Water and Wastewater Utility, pending approval of the Utility's Commission, is authorized to offer a month-to-month sewer charge calculation method to Residential,

Commercial, and Industrial users. Under this calculation method, sewer charges will equal the current month water usage multiplied by the sewer rate that applies to the user.

<u>Section 9</u>. The Commission is authorized to adjust the Residential, Commercial, and Industrial average monthly water usage or the current month water usage for users who experience leaks or other incidents that result in a sewer charge calculation that places undo hardship on the user.

<u>Section 10</u>. That 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 this Ordinance.

<u>Section 11</u>: That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED: 10-28-2022

APRROVED

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)