

OCTOBER 15, 2013, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 20, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD**

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, have the obligation to enact all needful ordinances necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City. This ordinance shall be periodically revised to ensure sufficient revenue is being collected for operation, maintenance, and replacement of the water system.

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, are desirous of amending Chapter 20, Article III, Sewer Service Charges of the Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, that Chapter 20, Article III, Sewer Service Charges of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I: That Sec. 20-62. (a). Classes; methods of computation of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, is amended to read as follows:

(a). There shall be five (5) classes of charges, Class 1, Small Volume Users shall be charged with a base rate; Class 2, Large Volume Users shall be charged with a base rate up to 6M and a volumetric charge for usage above 6M; Class 3, Multiple Connections Users shall be charges a base bill up to 6M and a volumetric charge for usage above 6M; Class 4, Users with water source other than the city, shall be charged a flat rate; and the last being a surcharge for excessive strength of waste water. These charges shall apply to all users of the city sanitary sewerage system.

SECTION II: That Sec. 20-63. Residential, commercial and industrial volumetric basis schedule, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20-63. Residential, commercial and industrial volumetric basis schedule.

A user charge shall be levied on all users including, but not limited to, persons, firms, corporations or governmental entities that discharge, cause or permit the discharge of sewage into the public sewage works, unless otherwise specified.

The user charge shall reflect the costs of operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the public sewage works, retirement of existing debt included herein, and repayment of any Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loans in accordance with the approved User Charge System, included herein by reference.

The following monthly rates shall be charged for usage of the sewer collection and treatment system, furnished by the city, to the user thereof:

Sewer Rate Schedule Inside Corporate Boundaries				
Class 1	Small Volume User	0 to 6M	Base Bill	Volumetric per M
	Group 1	0 to 2M	\$15.93	N/A
	Group 2	2+ to 4M	\$16.68	N/A
	Group 3	4+ to 6M	\$18.18	N/A
Class 2	Large Volume User	6+ M	\$19.68	\$4.53

Class 3	Multiple Connection	0 to 6M	\$19.68	N/A	
		6+ M	\$19.68	\$4.53	
Class 4	Users with water source other than city	0 + M	35.00	N/A	
Sewer Rate Schedule Outside Corporate Boundaries					
Class 1	Small Volume User	0 to 6M	Base Bill	Volumetric per M	
		Group 1	0 to 2M	\$17.49	N/A
		Group 2	2+ to 4M	\$18.24	N/A
		Group 3	4+ to 6M	\$19.74	N/A
Class 2	Large Volume User	6+ M	\$21.24	\$5.00	
Class 3	Multiple Connection	0 to 6M	\$21.24	N/A	
		6+ M	\$21.24	\$5.00	
Class 4	Users with water source other than city	0 + M	\$37.05	N/A	

Where one water meter serves more than one dwelling unit or more than one commercial or industrial enterprises, the monthly charge shall be the greater of the following:

- (1) The applicable minimum charge for a three-quarter-inch or less meter size multiplied by the number of such dwelling units or commercial or industrial enterprises served by the meter.
- (2) The Charge determined by the water used and the volumetric size.

A dwelling unit is defined as a living unit with at least a kitchen and living quarters.

A commercial or industrial enterprise shall be defined as such when its operation is separate and it has a water using device.

Billing shall apply to all applicable units whether vacant or not so long as water service is available.

In accordance with Section 20-72 of the city ordinance, this rate structure shall be reviewed annually to insure that sufficient revenue to pay for the total operation and maintenance costs necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of the sewerage works, retirement of existing debt and repayment of any state revolving loan funds.

Commercial or industrial customers who secure water supply service from a source other than the city shall provide an approved metering device to measure the water consumed. In the event it is not economical for a commercial or industrial enterprise to install and maintain a metering device, a flat rate may be negotiated by the superintendent of the waste water department. In no event shall such negotiated rate be less than the flat rate charged residential users.

The wholesale sewer service charge for intergovernmental agencies and institutions may enter into an agreement with the city at a negotiated rate. The rate shall be based on the percentage of treatment costs associated with O&M, process, and collection costs and the amount of contributed flow and the discharge location into the city's collection or treatment process.

SECTION III: That Sec. 20-64. Residential, commercial and industrial volumetric basis schedule, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 20-64. Schedule of user charge, debt service, recovery of other cost.

The rate schedule established in Section 20-63 of this Article will apply to each user of the sewer works. This schedule includes the user charge as established herein and for the debt service and recovery of other cost, each based on volume of flow as indicated below.

ESTIMATE OF USER CHARGES

	USERS INSIDE CORP. LIMITS	USERS OUTSIDE CORP. LIMITS
Debt Service	2.72/1,000 gal.	2.72/1,000 gal.
Fixed O & M	1.13/1,000 gal.	1.50/1,000 gal.
Variable O & M	0.68/1,000 gal.	0.78/1,000 gal.
 Total	 4.53/1,000 gal.	 5.00/1,000 gal.

SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance amending Chapter 20, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood shall be published one (1) time in the Greenwood Commonwealth, a legal newspaper published in the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, and shall take effect one month after its passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, that the findings, conclusions and statements of fact contained in the foregoing preamble are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein, and further finds that Chapter 20, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood should be amended.

The above and foregoing ordinance amending Chapter 20, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood having been first reduced to writing was considered section by section and then as a whole, having been introduced by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Carl Palmer, and upon a vote being called, received the following vote:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	X	
Lisa Cookston	X	
Ronnie Stevenson	X	
Charles E. McCoy, Sr.	X	
Dorothy Glenn	X	
David Jordan	X	
Carl Palmer	X	

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 15th day of October, 2013.

APPROVED BY:
/s/CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

/s/RONNIE STEVENSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ATTEST:
/s/CINDERELLA MORRIS,
CITY COUNCIL CLERK