

## **Resolution Number 9-28-21**

### **The Utilities Board of The City of Ozark**

WHEREAS that in order to operate, maintain, upgrade and improve the Water and Sanitary Sewer System of The Utilities Board of The City of Ozark and to meet the requirements of the USEPA, ADEM, and the Board's bond indentures, while ensuring the fair and equitable allocation of costs among the various users and classes of users of the Water and Sewer System of The Utilities Board of The City of Ozark,

NOW THEREFORE, effective November 1, 2021, be it resolved by The Utilities Board of The City of Ozark, as follows:

#### **SECTION I. WATER RATES**

All active customers of the Ozark Water System shall pay a minimum monthly fee based on meter size and customer type for the privilege of being connected to the Ozark Water System as follows:

**1. WATER USAGE RATES**

\$2.24 Per 1,000 Gallons for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2,000 Gallons  
 \$2.31 Per 1,000 Gallons for the balance used

**2. BASE CHARGE**

Single User: \$15.92  
 Multiple Users: \$15.53  
 4% State Utility Tax  
 25% Surcharge Outside City Limits

**3. MINIMUM BILL PER MONTH: 0 – 2,000 GALLONS**

Single User Inside City Limits: \$20.40 (Per Unit)  
 Single User Outside City Limits: \$25.50 (Per Unit)  
 4% State Utility Tax

**4. BILLING IS BASED ON METER SIZE (or by Gallons used, whichever is greater, plus Base Charge that applies)**

Meter Size Inches	Gallons	Rate Plus Base Charge				
5/8"	2,000	\$4.48	+	\$15.92	=	\$20.40
1"	8,000	\$18.34	+	\$15.92	=	\$34.26
1 1/2"	20,000	\$46.06	+	\$15.92	=	\$61.98
2"	50,000	\$115.36	+	\$15.92	=	\$131.28
3"	100,000	\$230.86	+	\$15.92	=	\$246.78
4"	200,000	\$461.86	+	\$15.92	=	\$477.78
6"	250,000	\$577.36	+	\$15.92	=	\$593.28

Plus 4% State Utility Tax  
 Plus 25% Outside City Limits Surcharge

**5. FLATS – WATER**

\$20.40 - Based on 2,000 Gallons Usage (5/8" Meter) Plus Base Charge  
 4% State Utility Tax  
 25% Outside City Limits Surcharge

#### **SECTION II. SEWER RATES**

City of Ozark Ordinance No. 2006-3, Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-72, (d) Use of Public Sewers Required "The owner of all houses, buildings, properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the City and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the City, is hereby required at owners expense to install suitable toilets facilities thereon, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within 90 days after the official notice to do so, provided that said public sewer is within 150 feet (30.6 meters) of the property line. The property owner shall be responsible for the payment of applicable connection/tapping fees to The Utilities Board prior to connection."

**1. SEWER USAGE RATES**

\$2.28 Per 1,000 Gallons of Metered Water Usage

**2. BASE CHARGE**

Single User: \$15.52 (Per Unit)

Multiple Users: \$15.13 (Per Unit)

**3. MAXIMUM SEWER CHARGE**

Single User: \$42.88

Multiple Users: \$41.49

25% Outside City Limits Surcharge

The Maximum Monthly Charge for Residential Sewer Customers both Single User and/or Multiple Users, Per Family Unit, shall be based on Water Usage of 12,000 Gallons of Water Used Per Unit. There shall be No Maximum Sewer Charge on Commercial / Non-Residential Accounts. There is no tax on sewer.

**4. METERED ACCOUNTS – NO WATER USED**

\$15.52 (Single Base Charge)

**5. HIGH STRENGTH SEWAGE SURCHARGES**

City of Ozark Ordinance No. 97-5, Regulation of Sewer Use, Article V., Section 5, (d) "the Manager may: Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of Section 10 of this Article."

High strength wastewater shall be defined as having concentrations exceeding those given in the following table:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Concentration (mg/l)</u>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	271
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	271
Total Nitrogen (N)	85
Total Phosphorous (P)	20
Oil & Grease (O&G)	150

High Strength wastewater shall be subject to surcharges as shown below:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Surcharge Rates, cents / lb.</u>
BOD	20
TSS	10
N	Reserved
P	Reserved
O&G	Reserved

**SECTION III. ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

Commencing November 1, 2013 and continuing on November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year thereafter until and unless repealed or modified by resolution of The Board, all Water and Sewer Usage Rates shall be increased by 3.0 percent each year and Water and Sewer Base Charges shall increase by 3.0 percent each year.

**SECTION IV. TAPPING AND CONNECTION FEES**

**1. WATER TAPS:**

<u>Meter Size, Inches</u>	<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
5/8 x 3/4	\$450.00	\$525.00
1	\$525.00	\$618.75
1-1/2	\$750.00	\$900.00
2	\$900.00	\$1,087.50

Larger than 2-inch: Actual Cost plus 15%

An extra \$150.00 will be collected if a bore is necessary for the tap.

**2. SEWER TAPS:**

Inside City Limits: \$650.00  
Outside City Limits: \$812.50

An extra \$150.00 will be collected if a bore is necessary for the tap.

**3. CONNECTION FEES:**

A connection fee, or fee per unit, will be allowed to any owner, builder or developer constructing a unit or units within a development which has been provided water or sewer mains, service connections and appurtenances at the expense of others than The Board. The connection fees do not apply to Government Funded Projects. The following charges shall apply without regard to meter size or whether units are individually metered, unless the charge for meter size is greater in which case it shall prevail. In those developments which have been installed dry sewers, to include service laterals, by others than The Board, and outfall sewers being made available, the fee per unit for connecting and using the sewer shall be \$175.00 due upon said connection to the sewer.

<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Fee Per Unit, Water</u>	<u>Fee Per Unit, Sewer</u>
0 – 10	\$250.00	\$175.00
11 – 20	\$235.00	\$140.00
21 - 35	\$220.00	\$105.00
36 – 50	\$205.00	\$70.00
Over 50 Units	\$200.00	\$35.00

**SECTION V. OTHER FEES AND CHARGES**

**1. SERVICE CHARGES:**

A Service Charge of \$35.00 will be charged when a new account is activated. There will be no Service Charge added when an account is finalized out or when an account is disconnected for repairs.

**2. DEPOSITS:**

A Meter Deposit of \$50.00 will be charged to new residential customers that are the owner of the residence. A Meter Deposit of \$75.00 will be charged to a new residential customer that is renting. New Commercial customers will be charged a Meter Deposit of \$100.00, or, the largest one month's usage based on the previous 12 months usage, whichever is greater. Upon the first disconnect for non-payment the total Meter Deposit owed for an account will be \$125.00.

**3. LATE FEE:**

A Late Fee of \$6.00 on water and \$3.00 on garbage will be added after the Due Date.

**4. NON-PAYMENT FEES:**

A Reconnection Fee of \$35.00 will be charged to reconnect service that has been disconnected for non-payment. The Board will not reconnect service after normal operating hours unless there is an emergency, as deemed such by Supervisory Personnel. A Reconnection Fee of \$55.00 will be charged after hours. A Cut-Lock Fee of \$35.00 will be charged, in addition to the Reconnection Fee, if the non-payment lock on the service is tampered with. Current bills are subject to Disconnection 10-days past the Due Date and customers with a Past Due balance are subject to immediate Disconnection.

**5. RETURNED CHECK CHARGES:**

A Returned Check Charge will be charged for each Returned Check that is equal to the maximum allowed by State of Alabama law.

**6. NUISANCE DOG CHARGE:**

Customers that have dogs which prevent access to the water meter will be contacted by telephone or certified mail if telephone contact is not possible, of the time and date Board personnel will be on site. If access is not made available, the customer shall be charged a \$35.00 Service Charge each time access is denied.

Sewer Flat –Inside City Limits (Rate SR5)

2,000 Gallons @ \$2.28 Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 4.56
Single User Base Charge	<u>\$15.52</u>
	\$20.08

Sewer Flat – Outside City Limits (Rate SRE)

2,000 Gallons @ \$2.28 Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 4.56
Single User Base Charge	\$ 15.52
25 % more, Outside City Limits	<u>\$ 5.02</u>
	\$ 25.10

Sewer Special Flat – Inside City Limits (Rate SRZ)

6,000 Gallons @ \$2.28 Per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 13.68
Single User Base Charge	<u>\$ 15.52</u>
	\$ 29.20

\*\* We do not have any accounts as of 10-01-20 for the SRZ rate

Sewer Special Flat – Outside City Limits (Rate SRF)

6,000 Gallons @ \$2.28 per 1,000 Gallons	\$ 13.68
Single User Base Charge	\$ 15.52
25 % Outside City Limits	<u>\$ 7.30</u>
	\$ 36.50

Adopted and approved on this date September 28, 2021.