

CITY OF EUPORA, MISSISSIPPI

ORDINANCE NO. [2024-06]

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES FOR THE CITY OF EUPORA,
MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, the City of Eupora, Mississippi, is responsible for providing water and sewer services to its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City must periodically review and adjust the rates for these services to ensure the financial stability of the utilities and the maintenance and improvement of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have conducted a comprehensive review of the current rates and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the proposed rate changes was duly provided, and a public hearing was held on September 16, 2024, allowing for public input and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have determined that the proposed rate adjustments are necessary and equitable to continue providing reliable water and sewer services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF EUPORA, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1: The Ordinance adopted on May 1, 2017, found on page 68 of Ordinance Book #3 is hereby rescinded as well as other resolutions pertaining to water and sewer rates charged by the City of Eupora, and the following provisions are hereby adopted:

Water and sewer bills will be mailed on or about the 25th of each month, reflecting water usage through the date of the last meter reading. Bills are due for payment on or before the 10th day of the following month. A late penalty charge of \$10.00 will be added if not paid by the 10th day of the month due, and a \$20.00 late penalty charge will be added if not paid by the 20th day of the month due. Water service will be disconnected if the bill is not paid on or before the 24th day of the month due. To have water service reconnected after the initial cutoff for non-payment, all past charges, penalties, and accrued charges for water used since the last meter reading must be paid in addition to a \$100.00 reconnection fee.

SECTION 2: There is hereby established the following rates for water in both residential and commercial customers in the City of Eupora, plus all service addresses within one (1) mile of the Eupora City Limits, based on the number of gallons of water metered to-wit and shall become effective on October 1, 2024:

Monthly Water Rates

First 2,000 Gallons	\$20.00 Minimum Bill
All over 2,000 gallons	\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons

Rates for Multiple Apartment Buildings is changed to

First 72,000 gallons	\$525 (minimum bill)
All over 72,000 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons

Monthly Sewer Rates

First 2,000 gallons of metered water	\$20.000 Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 gallons of metered water	\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons

Rates for multiple apartment buildings

First 72,000 gallons	\$525 (minimum bill)
All Over 72,000 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 3: All deposits and fees used by the City of Eupora in the operation of its water and sewer departments not covered by the Mississippi Public Service Commission may be raised and/or adjusted in the future by resolution or ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Eupora as signed by the Mayor.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective as of _____, 2024 after publication and public hearing according to law.

SECTION 5: If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions.

SECTION 6: There is hereby established the following schedule of fees and deposits for all water and sewer systems furnished and operated by the City of Eupora, Mississippi, to-wit:

Water Meter Deposits:	\$100.00
Connection Fees: Plus \$150 Installation	
¾” Water Meter	\$500.00
1” Water Meter	\$600.00
1.5” Water Meter	\$900.00
2” Water Meter	\$2,000.00
Sewer Installation:	\$175.00
Transfer Fees:	\$20.00
Temporary Water Service – max. 3 days	\$25.00

So enacted by passage and approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Eupora, Mississippi on this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk

Alderman Gary Voted: _____

Alderman Shaw Voted: _____

Alderman Tabb Voted: _____

Alderman Newton Voted: _____

Alderman Gibbs Voted: _____