

**ORDINANCE 15-O-32** amending Chapter 33, Water and Sewers, Section 33-1 of the Murfreesboro City Code, dealing with minimum monthly water and sewer allowances and minimum monthly sewer charges.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Murfreesboro should have water and sewer rates, fees and charges which will generate sufficient funds to retire indebtedness for existing and planned capital improvements of the Water and Sewer Department and to meet its normal operating expenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Murfreesboro Cost of Service Study and Cost of Sewer Service Study prepared by Jackson Thornton Utilities determined the water and sewer rates "were insufficient in meeting the system's revenue requirements" and recommended that the City "implement a multi-year plan to start increasing rate revenues"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City began such multiyear process in 2008 with adoption of Ordinance 08-O-27; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City approved Resolution 12-R-05 on May 3, 2012 where water and sewer rate levels and structures would continue reducing the monthly allowance of the cubic feet of water per month on the minimum water bill by 50 cubic feet per year until there is a zero minimum allowance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council approved Resolutions 12-R-21, 12-R-22 and 12-R-23 on September 13, 2012 authorizing applications for \$37,000,000.00 in loans from the Tennessee Revolving Fund Loan Program which requires user rates sufficient to repay the loans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Water and Sewer Board studied and decided to recommend decreasing the minimum allowance for water and sewer charges and increasing the monthly sewer usage charge for 5/8 inch meters to the City Council on April 28, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 33-1, Water and Sewer Rates and Charges, of the Murfreesboro City Code is hereby amended at subsection (B) by deleting the table titled "Minimum Monthly Water Charges" in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**MINIMUM MONTHLY WATER CHARGES**

| <b>Meter Size</b> | <b>Charge*</b> | <b>Allowance, cubic feet</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>5/8 inch</b>   | <b>\$ 8.22</b> | <b>-</b>                     |
| <b>1 inch</b>     | <b>19.18</b>   | <b>120</b>                   |
| <b>1 1/2 inch</b> | <b>41.10</b>   | <b>440</b>                   |
| <b>2 inch</b>     | <b>65.76</b>   | <b>800</b>                   |
| <b>3 inch</b>     | <b>164.40</b>  | <b>2,250</b>                 |
| <b>4 inch</b>     | <b>328.80</b>  | <b>4,660</b>                 |
| <b>6 inch</b>     | <b>685.00</b>  | <b>9,890</b>                 |

One Cubic Foot equals seven and one-half (7½) gallons

\*Tax not included

SECTION 2. Section 33-1, Water and Sewer Rates and Charges, of the Murfreesboro City Code is hereby amended at subsection (G)(1) by deleting the table titled "Minimum Monthly Sewer Usage Charges" in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

**MINIMUM MONTHLY SEWER USAGE CHARGES**

| Meter Size | Charge*  | Allowance, cubic feet |
|------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 5/8 inch   | \$10.22  | -                     |
| 1 inch     | 27.98    | 120                   |
| 1½ inch    | 61.90    | 440                   |
| 2 inch     | 100.06   | 800                   |
| 3 inch     | 252.70   | 2,250                 |
| 4 inch     | 507.10   | 4,660                 |
| 6 inch     | 1,058.30 | 9,890                 |

One cubic foot equal seven and one-half (7½) gallons.

\* Not including O&M charge

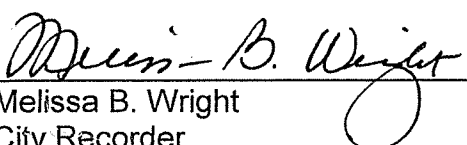
SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect for bills printed on or after July 1, 2015 on its passage upon third and final reading, the public welfare and the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed:


1<sup>st</sup> reading May 7, 2015  
 2<sup>nd</sup> reading May 14, 2015  
 3<sup>rd</sup> reading May 28, 2015

  
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 Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Melissa B. Wright  
 City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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 Susan Emery McGannon  
 City Attorney

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