

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-16

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATES FOR
WATERS SERVICES READINGS BY THE WATER AND
SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commission of the City of Clinton, Arkansas, has conducted a rate survey and determined that rates for water services must be raised so that the Water and Sewer Commission can continue to operate and upgrade its system including its pump stations, pipelines, treatment facilities, extensions, and other assets, without financial loss, and to meet its obligations for debt, servicing, maintenance, repairs, operating expenses, equipment, vehicles and personnel, so as to continues to provide for the expanding needs and demands of the water customers its serves; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton, Arkansas, recognizes the needs of the Water and Sewer Commission requiring an increase in water rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS:

Section 1:

The authorized monthly rates for water service from the Clinton Water and Sewer Department are hereby increased as follows:

- (a) Clinton Commercial Inside Customers will be charged:
 - 1st one thousand (1000) gallons - \$ 10.83
 - each one thousand (1000) gallons thereafter - \$ 1.82
- (b) Clinton Commercial Inside Customers with 6" meters will be charged:
 - 1st one thousand (1000) gallons - \$ 200.50
 - each one thousand (1000) for next nine thousand (9000) - \$1.82
 - each one thousand (1000) gallons thereafter - \$ 1.56
- (c) Clinton Commercial Outside Customers will be charged:
 - 1st one thousand (1000) gallons - \$ 12.22
 - each one thousand (1000) for next nine thousand (9000) - \$1.97
 - each one thousand (1000) gallons thereafter - \$ 1.66

- (d) Clinton New Line commercial customers will be charged:
 - 1st one thousand (1000) gallons - \$ 16.22
 - each one thousand (1000) for next nine thousand (9000) - \$2.88
 - each one thousand (1000) gallons thereafter - \$ 1.97
- (c) Dennard wholesale water rates will be \$2.90 per one thousand (1000) gallons.
- (f) Bee Branch wholesale water rates will be \$2.29 per one thousand (1000) gallons.
- (g) Van Buren County wholesale water rates will be \$2.32 per one thousand (1000) gallons.

Section 2:

All other water rates shall remain the same as are being currently charged.

Section 3:

The new rates shall commence and become effective as of January 1, 2004.

Section 4:

As of January 1, 2005, each rate listed and identified in Section 1 above shall be increased an additional fifteen cents (\$0.15) over and above the amounts and rates set forth in Section 1.

Section 5:

Sixty percent (60%) of the increased revenues generated from this rate increase will be set aside and used solely for repairs, replacement and construction of infrastructure needs of the water system. Forty percent (40%) of the increased revenues generated from this rate increase will be placed in the operating funds of the Water Department.

Section 6:

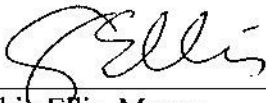
All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

Section 7:

So as to assure that the Clinton Water and Sewer does not operate on a deficit and to assure the health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Clinton, in receiving a continuous supply of safe water, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage.

PASSED: December 11, 2003.

APPROVED:



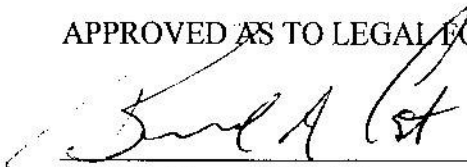
Chip Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Merl Eoff, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



Brad A. Cazort, City Attorney