

ORDINANCE NO. 93-207

AN TEMPORARY ORDINANCE TO LEVY A
MONTHLY FIFTY CENT CHARGE WITHIN
THE CITY OF CLINTON FOR THE SOLE
PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A FIRE TRUCK

WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate and necessary protection against fire for the safety and benefit of the citizens of Clinton, Arkansas, the City Council has determined that it must purchase an additional fire truck; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds in the City general fund to purchase said truck without significantly depleting reserve funds which should be retained for unanticipated and emergency contingencies;

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

Section 1. There is hereby temporarily levied a fifty cent charge per month on each household within the City of Clinton for the sole purpose of purchasing a fire truck for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department.

Section 2. The funds derived from said charge shall be deposited into a secure, separate, exclusive interest bearing account until such time as accumulated funds and interest are sufficient to purchase a suitable fire truck which satisfies all pertinent state and local requirements and regulations.

Section 3. The fifty cent charge shall be collected by the City as follows:

- (a) For businesses, households and apartments connected to City water supply. The charge will be added to the present fire protection charge on each customer's monthly water and sewer bill. It shall be paid in the same manner as said bill is presently paid.
- (b) For businesses, households and apartments located within the City but not connected to a city water supply. They shall be charged once each year by separate bill. The charge shall be eighteen dollars per year including a \$1.00 separate charge that shall be included on said bill for the fire protection fund.

Section 4. The City shall compile and maintain a list forthwith of all those persons who are heads of households, or

single and who reside within Clinton and who are not billed customers of the City water and sewer department. Those who appear on said list shall be billed on a regular basis as stated in Paragraph 3(b).

Section 5. Should any bill or charge as described hereinabove remain unpaid past a stated due date, the City may utilize any means of collecting said debt available under state law and as set out in any City ordinances including but not limited to those provisions pertaining to the collection of debts arising from delinquent water and sewer bills.

Section 6. The fifty cent charge described herein is intended to be a temporary charge. Therefore, at the time collected funds are sufficient to purchase a fire truck and equipment necessary for its operation, the provisions of this ordinance shall be null and void and the charge of the prescribed herein shall terminate.


Section 7. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of said sections, phrases and provisions.

Section 8. There being an urgent and immediate need to acquire an additional fire truck for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department in order to best protect the life, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Clinton, Arkansas, an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

DATED this 11th day of February, 1993.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK/RECORDER