

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RATES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AND OWNED BY THE CITY OF DUENWEG, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI.

An ordinance to replace the following:

A. Ordinance NO. 2020-006

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri, as follows:

SECTION I: General: These rules and regulations have been adopted to govern the water and wastewater services furnished by the Owner in a uniform manner for the benefit of the Owner and its water and wastewater users and are subject to change as herein provided without notice to any water or wastewater users or any other person. Any amendment or change to these Rules and Regulation shall be effective on the date such amendment or change is passed by the Owner, as herein provided, or on such other date as the Owner may by resolution designate. If any portion of these Rules and Regulations shall be declared invalid by the competent authority, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion.

SECTION II: Definitions: The following expressions, words, and terms when used herein shall have the meaning stated below:

Owner: The City of Duenweg, Missouri.

Applicant: Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, the Federal or State Government, or any unit, agency, political corporation, or subdivision of either the Federal or State Government or other agency applying for a water user's agreement.

Users: Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, the Federal or State Government, or any unit, agency, political corporation, or subdivision of either the Federal or State Government, or other agency receiving water and wastewater services, or to whom water and wastewater services are made available from the Owner's facilities pursuant to a written water user's agreement.

Point of
Delivery:

The point of delivery shall be at the meter unless otherwise specified in the water user's agreement or in any other agreement where it shall be mentioned. City ownership of connection shall terminate at stub out outside of meter box. User ownership shall begin at and include whatever fitting is made to make the connection to the stub out.

Service:

The term "service" when used in connection with the supplying of water shall mean the availability for use by the water user of water, subject to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. Service shall be considered available when the Owner maintains the water supply at a minimum of 20 psi pressure at the point of delivery with the service line static, in readiness for the water user's use, regardless of whether the water user uses it.

The term "service" when used in connection with the wastewater system shall mean the availability for use by the wastewater user, subject to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

Landowner:

Any person owning property served by the water or wastewater systems of the Owner or who has a leasehold interest therein with more than a year to run. The term "landowner" shall also include life tenants by the Owner may at its discretion require remaindermen to enter into any agreement required with the property owner under these Rules and Regulations, and the remaindermen shall be bound by these Rules and Regulations in all.

Water User's
Agreement:

The Written contract between the water user and the Owner pursuant to which water and wastewater service is supplied or made available.

SECTION III:

Rate schedule: The rate schedules for water and wastewater service are fixed by the Owner. The rate schedule is subject to change by action of the Owner, if a provision of the Rules and Regulations conflicts with the provision of the rate schedule, the provision of the rate schedule shall prevail. If the total amount of revenue and income costs of operation, maintenance, depreciation, necessary extensions

and enlargements, and payment of the principal and interest on any general and special obligation bonds, then outstanding with their attendant obligations pursuant to the terms of the bonds and the authorizing resolutions, the Owner shall increase the water and/or wastewater rates for the first month thereafter in an amount sufficient to meet these costs and obligations.

SECTION IV: Applications: Applicants for a water user's agreement shall make an application to the Owner. Such applications shall be in writing and the Owner shall prescribe the form of such application.

SECTION V: Service:

- a) Readiness to accept: Before installing a service extension and providing water and/or wastewater, the Owner may require the applicant to pipe his home and be in readiness to accept the service.
- b) Service for Sole Use of the Water User: The standard water service connection is for the sole use of the water user, and does not permit the extension of pipes to transfer water from one property to any other consumer nor will the user share, resell, or sub-meter water to any other consumer. If an emergency or specific situation should make such an arrangement advisable, it shall be done only on specific written permission of the Owner for the duration of the emergency. No more than one residence shall be served by a one-water service connection. A farm containing one residence and other buildings for use in the farming operation shall be considered as one residence and the water user may use water from one meter for all such buildings; provided that if a farm contains two or more residences, a meter shall be required for each residence unless the Owner shall find such to be an unusual hardship upon the water user, in which case a special agreement may be made concerning such additional residence, and the rules for a multiple-unit dwelling as outlined in these Rules and Regulations shall be applied to determine the rate for such farm containing two residences.
- c) Hardship Agreements. The Owner may enter into a special agreement whereby a right of entry is granted to the Owner to read a meter placed on private property or remotely located residences or remotely located water users, where the location of the meter is provided in these Rules and Regulations would, in the Owner's opinion, cause undue hardship and expense on the water user. Such special agreements must be written and no water user or applicant for

water service shall have any right to force the Owner to enter into such a special agreement, but such agreements must be entered into solely at the discretion of the Owner. The Owner may in the alternative apply the multiple-unit residence rule stated in these Rules and Regulations.

- d) Continuity of Service: The Owner will make all reasonable efforts to supply continuous, uninterrupted service. However, it shall have the right to interrupt service to make repairs, connections, extensions or for other necessary work. Efforts will be made to notify water users whenever possible that may be affected by such interruptions, but the Owner will not accept responsibility for losses that might occur due to such necessary interruptions. The Owner does not accept responsibility and shall not be liable for losses that might occur due to interruptions to service for any cause and does not accept responsibility for losses due to failure of the Owner to notify any water user of any such interruption.
- e) Services: The Owner will install or allow to be installed water service pipes from its mains to the meters on the property abutting the right-of-way along which the main is installed insofar as its current financial responsibilities, obligations and conditions will permit, and insofar as adequate water pressure is available at the point of delivery requested by the applicant or water user. The service pipe shall not be less than ¾ inch in size and the Owner will also install at User's expense the Owner's main connection, meter, and meter setting. The charge for services to be made by the User shall be that amount specified in these Rules and Regulations, or as otherwise provided by the Owner, but in no event shall it be less than the cost to the Owner.
- f) Right to Inspect: Representatives of the Owner shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter the water user's premises to read and test meters, inspect piping, and perform other duties for the maintenance and operation of service, or to remove its meters and equipment upon discontinuance of service by the water user.
- g) Piping Work to be Inspected: All piping work in connection with pipe and services connected with the Owner's main shall be submitted to the inspection of the Owner before such underground work is covered up. Whenever the Owner determines that a job of plumbing is defective, although not in direct violation, the Owner may require that it be corrected before the water will be turned on. The Owner may prescribe

the type of materials and the standard of workmanship to be followed in enforcing this section.

- h) Intercepting Tank Required for Large Customers: Service pipes shall not be connected to the suction side of pumps. The supply for use of a character requiring a large quantity of water within a short period will not be permitted except through intercepting or intermediate storage tanks.
- i) Check Valves, Flush Valves, and Vacuum Breakers: Water users having boilers or hot water systems connected with the mains of the Owner must have a check valve in the supply pipe to the boilers and hot water heating systems, together with a release valve at some point between the check valve and the heating system. All water users are hereby cautioned against the danger of the collapse of boilers since it is sometimes necessary to shut off the supply of water without notice, for this reason, a vacuum valve should be installed in the steam lines to prevent collapse in case the water supply is interrupted. The Owner, however, will not be responsible for accidents or damages resulting from the imperfect action or failure of said valves.
- j) Cross-Connections and Interconnections. The Owner will not allow to be made any physical connection in its water supply system to that of any other pipe system or equipment, where such other pipe system or equipment in any manner receives all or any part of its supply of water directly or indirectly from wells, streams, or any source other than that of the water system of the Owner.

No interconnection or cross-connection, as defined below, shall be permitted. The making, causing, or permitting of the installation or existence of any interconnection or cross-connection shall constitute a violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Owner and such prohibited connection shall be removed forthwith in a manner acceptable to the Owner and the duly constituted public health officials.

Failure to do so within two days from and after the date of notification by the Owner may result in discontinuance of water service without further notice.

When used in these Rules and Regulations, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning herein provided.

- 1) Cross-Connection: A cross-connection is any pipe, valve, or other arrangement or device, connecting the pipelines of the Owner or facilities directly or

indirectly connected therewith to and with pipes or fixtures supplied with water from any source other than the lines of the Owner directly connected.

- 2) Interconnection: An interconnection is a plumbing arrangement, other than a cross-connection, by which contamination might be admitted or drawn into the distribution system of the Owner, or into lines connected therewith, which are used for the conveyance of potable water.

The Owner shall have the right at all hours to enter upon water user's premises for inspection and enforcement of this provision.

- k) Applicants Having Excessive Requirements: In the event of an applicant whose water requirements are bound to exceed the Owner's ability to supply it from existing physical assets without adversely affecting service to other water users, the Owner will not be obligated to render such service, unless and until suitable financing is provided by the applicant to cover the additional physical assets. The Owner has no obligation to reimburse the applicant for any physical assets provided.
- l) Customer's Duty Regarding Service Lines: The water user's service pipe and all connections and fixtures attached thereto shall be subject to the inspection of the Owner before the water will be turned on, if the Owner so elects, all properties receiving a supply of water and all service pipes, meters and fixtures including any fixtures within any improvements or buildings on said properties, shall at all reasonable hours to subject to inspection by any duly authorized employee or agent of the Owner.

All service pipes shall be laid at all points at least forty-two (42) inches below the surface of the ground and shall be placed on firm and continuous earth to give unyielding and permanent support. They shall not be laid in sewer ditches. It shall be installed in the trench at least eighteen (18) inches in a horizontal direction, in undisturbed earth, from any other trench wherein are laid gas pipe, sewer pipe, or for another facility public or private. Such service line shall not pass through premises other than that to be supplied unless the Owner shall so agree in writing.

Water user shall, at his own cost and expense, make all changes in the service pipe required or rendered necessary to

account for changes in the street grades, relocation of mains, or other causes.

No fixture shall be attached to, or any branch made in, the service pipe between the main of the Owner and the meter. Any repairs or maintenance necessary to the service pipe or any pipe or fixture in or upon the water user's premises shall be performed by the water user at his sole expense or risk.

Service pipes must be kept and maintained in good condition and free from all leaks and for failure to do so the water supply may be discontinued.

The Owner shall in no event be liable for any damage done or inconvenience caused because of any break, leak, or defect in, or by water escaping from service pipes, or from fixtures on the premises of the owner or water user. The water user shall be billed in the usual manner for the cost of all such water according to the rate schedule of the Owner as provided for in these Rules and Regulations.

- m) No One But the Owner's Employee May Turn Water Off or On: No one but an employee or a person authorized by the Owner shall turn on water or shut off water to any water user or any property, except in the case of escaping water.
- n) Water Users Requiring Uninterrupted Supply: The Owner will endeavor to give reasonable service, but does not guarantee sufficient or uniform pressure, or an uninterrupted supply of water, and water users are cautioned to provide sufficient storage of water where an uninterrupted supply must be assured, such as for steam boilers, hot water heating systems, gas engines, etc.

Fixtures or devices taking a supply of water directly from the service pipes, depending upon the hydraulic pressure of the pipe system of the Owner for supplying the same under working pressure, would do so at the risk of the parties making such attachments, as the Owner will not be responsible for any accidents or damages to which such fixtures or devices are subject.

SECTION VI: Fire Hydrants: Private fire hydrants may be installed by a written agreement with the Owner, provided that the Owner shall take into account all possible costs to the Owner and charge an equitable price therefore, all cost factors considered. Public fire hydrants may be installed by special agreement with the state; a municipality, political subdivision, or political corporation, and the Owner shall take into consideration the same factors when entering such a contract.

If the Owner undertakes to furnish fire hydrants as a part of the service to the water users of the Owner then all water users of the Owner shall be furnished with substantially the same degree of benefit from such hydrants and if this is impossible, then those receiving a higher degree of benefit may pay an additional charge above the rates of water herein provided for, which shall be for such additional benefit. Such rates shall be equitable to all water users and shall depend upon cost studies made by the Owner's employees or consultants.

SECTION VII: Meters:

- a) Meters Furnished by Owner: Meters will be furnished, installed, owned, inspected, tested, and kept in proper operating condition by the Owner, without cost to the water user, except that such water user shall pay a connection fee as outlined in these Rules and Regulations, which shall not be refundable. The complete record of tests and histories of meters will be kept if deemed necessary by the Owner. Meter tests will be made according to methods of the American Waterworks Association by the Owner as often as deemed necessary by the Owner.
- b) Meter Accuracy: Service meter errors that do not exceed two percent (2%) fast or slow shall be considered as being within the allowable limits of accuracy for billing purposes. The percentage of error will be considered as that arrived at by taking the average of the error at full load and that at ten percent (10%) load, unless a water user's rate of usage is known to be practically constant, in which case the error at such constant use will be used.
- c) Requested Meter Tests: Meter tests requested by the water users shall be performed without cost to the water user if the meter is found to be more than two percent (2%) fast.
Otherwise, the water user for whom the requested test was made will be charged for the cost of making the test.
- d) Meter Location: Meters shall be set in an accessible place on the outside of the building, except where otherwise directed by the Owner. All meters shall be set horizontally and never connected to a vertical pipe. Meters outside of the buildings shall be placed in meter boxes furnished and installed by the Owner.

- e) Water User's Responsibility: The water user shall be responsible for any damage to the meter installed for his service, for any cause other than normal wear and tear.

SECTION VIII: Water User's Bills: Failure to receive the service bill shall not excuse the water user from their obligation to pay for the water used when the bill is submitted. The billing period will run from the fifteenth (15th) of one month to the fifteenth (15th) of the next month. Bills will be rendered for service by the first (1st) day of the month following the closing of the period. Service bills not paid by the twentieth (20th) shall be subject to a ten percent (10%) late charge on the twenty-first (21st) or the following business day. Failure to pay a bill by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the same month for which services are billed shall result in the disconnection of the service and such disconnection shall be made without the necessity of notice to the water user. If the twenty-fifth (25th) falls on the weekend or holiday, then disconnection shall be the next business day. Any damage resulting to the water user or any property of the water user of the landowner of the property occupied by the water user shall not be the responsibility of the Owner, its agents, or employees. The Owner, its agents, and employees shall not be liable to the water user or the landowner of any property used, held, occupied, rented, or leased by the water user for any such damage when disconnection is made according to these Rules and Regulations, and it shall be immaterial that no notice of such disconnection was given to the water user or to said, property owner.

If meters cannot be read at the close of the period for which billing is made because of inclement weather or the condition of the earth around the meters which in the opinion of the Owner makes reading unusually difficult, costly or impossible, then the bills may be estimated by using, at the discretion of the Owner, either the amount of water used by the water user in the previous billing period, or the same billing period in the previous year, or a twelve (12) month average at seventy percent (70%) utilization, and the bill for such period shall be based upon such amount of water used. The meter reading and the bill rendered for any period after a period for which the bill of any water user shall be based upon such estimates shall take into account such estimates and such estimates shall be considered the actual amount of water consumed for the period or periods estimated. Estimates may be made in the case of one or more water users or for all water users of the Owner at the discretion of the Owner and it shall not be required that all bills be estimated in the event any one or more water user's bill are estimated as herein set forth.

Bills are mailed out every month as the Owner may provide and direct in its actions establishing a rate schedule.

SECTION IX: Discontinuance of Water Service: Water service will be discontinued to any water user or property on account of temporary vacancy of such property upon written request of the water user, without in any way affecting the agreement in force, and upon payment of all charges due as provided in the Rules and Regulations of the Owner. If water service is discontinued for any reason other than the temporary vacancy of the property, or if it is discontinued, then reconnection shall be made only if a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month for the period of disconnection shall be paid by the water user or owner of the property. In addition, all previously unpaid bills, plus a twenty-five dollars (\$25) reconnect charge shall be paid before reconnection is allowed for such water user or property.

If an applicant for water services has purchased or otherwise acquired the property and holds title thereto and the previous landowner had discontinued water service other than because of the temporary vacancy thereof, said applicant shall not be required to pay the above reconnection charges as a result of the conduct or actions of the previous landowner but shall be required to pay only a service fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) that is non-refundable.

Except in the case of failure of the water user to pay the bill owed the Owner for water service, as outlined in these Rules and Regulations, the Owner will not discontinue the service of any water user for violation of any Rule or Regulation of the Owner, without written notice of at least two days, mailed to such customer at his address as shown upon the Owner's records, or personally delivered to the water user or a member of the household, advising the water user what Rule has been violated for which service will be discontinued if the violation is permitted to continue. Provided, however, where misrepresentation of the use of water is detected, where the Owner's regulating or measuring equipment has been tampered with, or where a dangerous condition is found to exist on the water user's premises, service may be shut off without notice in advance. Subject to the foregoing provisions, service rendered under any application, contract, or agreement may be discontinued by the Owner for any of the following reasons:

- a) For wilful or indifferent waste of water due to any cause.
- b) For failure to protect from injury or damage the meter and connections, or for failure to protect and maintain the service pipe, or fixtures on the property of the water user (or the property occupied by the water user) in a condition satisfactory to the Owner.
- c) For molesting or tampering by the water user, or others with the knowledge of the water user, with any meter,

connections, service pipe, curb cock, seal, valve, or any other appliance of the Owner's controlling or regulating the water user's water supply.

- d) For failure to provide the Owner's employees free and reasonable access to the property supplied, or for obstructing the way of ingress to the meter or other appliances controlling or regulating the water user's water supply.
- e) For non-payment of any account for water supplied, for water service, or meter or service maintenance, or any other fee or charge accruing under these Rules and Regulations, the rate schedule of the Owner.
- f) In case of vacancy of the premises.
- g) For violation of any Rules and Regulations of the Owner.
- h) For any practice or act prohibited by the Missouri Division of Health.
- i) For failure to allow any Owner's employee, officer, agent, or representative the right to inspect the water user's premises for any purpose outlined in these Rules and Regulations.

The discontinuance of the supply of water to a property for any reason shall not prevent the Owner from pursuing any lawful remedy by action at law or otherwise for the collection of monies due from the water user or property owner.

Water will not be turned on to any property unless there is at least one adult person therein at such time to see that all water outlets in the premises are closed to prevent damage by escaping water.

Only an employee, officer, or agent of the Owner may turn on water and all applicants and water users are expressly forbidden to do so.

SECTION X: Agreements with Governmental and Public Bodies: The Owner may make specific water service contracts with the United States of America and its agencies, the State of Missouri and its agencies, school districts, and municipal corporations, and all other political subdivisions of the State of Missouri and the United States of America, differing from stipulations set out in the rate schedule and Rules and Regulations.

SECTION XI: Future Connections: In making a future connection to an applicant for water service after the completion of the original water system of the Owner, the Owner shall charge a fee at least equal to the cost to the Owner for said connection and such fee may be adjusted, taking into consideration the average cost for the entire system to each water user,

at the discretion of the Owner, but said fee shall in no event be less than one hundred dollars (\$100), non-refundable service fee.

SECTION XII: Main Extensions: Extensions of water mains and wastewater mains shall be made by the Owner upon written application on a form approved by the Owner. If said application is approved, the main or line shall be extended provided that:

- a) Applicant pays all construction, engineering and legal expenses of such extension. Said payment shall be made in advance to the Owner or at the discretion of the Owner may be placed in a special escrow account. If the cost and expense of such construction is not ascertainable, the cost thereof shall be estimated and said amount shall be paid to the Owner or put in a special escrow account and the applicant shall agree to pay additional costs incurred for such extension.
- b) Before granting to an applicant the right to make such extension, or before agreeing therefore, the Owner shall first determine that the extension will not materially affect adversely the service rendered to any existing customers of the Owner. In the event the Owner determines, based upon information furnished by its employees and consultants, that such extension would have a material adverse effect upon existing water users of the Owner, then the Owner shall not permit such extension.
- c) In the event the applicant desires to perform the construction, the applicant shall pay all engineering, legal, and administrative costs incurred by the Owner incident to the approval of the plans and specifications for construction of the improvements, the perfecting of all right-of-way, and other costs incident to the construction.

The construction and material shall be inspected by a qualified inspector, furnished by the Owner. The cost of this inspector shall be borne by the applicant.

Upon satisfactory completion and testing, the improvements shall be dedicated, free, and clear of all encumbrances, to the Owner.

All plans and specifications for main extensions or improvements will be approved by the Owner and the appropriate agency of the State of Missouri.

SECTION XIII: Multiple-Unit Dwellings: In the event that service is desired by a landowner of a multiple-unit residence, said multiple-unit residence

being herein defined as a dwelling unit housing more than one family, and such definition shall include duplexes, triplexes, four-plexes, apartments and all similar structures and residences, then the landowner shall be required to acquire a water meter for each unit, or in the alternative, to enter into a special written agreement with the Owner whereby all units of such residence are served by one water meter, that the total gallons used during each billing period, as determined by the rate schedule resolution of the Owner, by such multiple-unit residence shall be divided by the number of units in such residence and the water user shall be charged for each individual unit within the multiple-unit residence on a pro-rata basis, as though such amount of water was used for such billing period by an individual user, and each water user in such unit shall pay the water rates as set forth in the rate schedule resolution of the Owner for such water user's proportionate share of the water as though such water user were an individual user in a one-family residence; provided further, that the landowner of the property shall be responsible for payment of all such bills of all units contained within any multiple-unit residence, and that the amount of water meter deposit shall be determined by the Owner as herein set forth.

The Owner shall be the sole judge and shall have full authority to determine how many units are contained in a residence and such determination shall be final and binding upon the landowner of any such residence and upon the water user therein.

SECTION XIV: Mobile Home Parks: If a mobile home park, also known as a trailer park, desires service, then the landowner shall be required to acquire a water meter for each mobile home space, or the alternative, to enter into a special agreement with the Owner whereby all units of such mobile home park are served by one water meter, but the total gallons used during each billing period by the mobile home park shall be divided by the number of units using water during such billing. The water used shall be charged to each unit on a pro-rata basis, as though such amount of water was used for such billing period by an individual user, and the landowner of the mobile home park shall pay as a bill for such billing period the total of such bills computed as above set forth. The amount of the water meter deposit shall be determined by the Owner as outlined in these Rules and Regulations.

The number of mobile homes using water during each billing period shall be the number of mobile home locations served during such time and the Owner, its employees, and agents shall determine how many such units are served, and such determination shall be final and binding upon the landowner of the mobile home park.

SECTION XV: Rate for Tank Sales: The Board has the exclusive power to authorize tank sales or sales in bulk of water from such supply heads as it may

designate at the rates to be determined by the Owner. The Owner may prohibit the sale of water in bulk to any user or non-user when water service is available from the Owner.

SECTION XVI: Liability of Owner: The Owner shall not in any way or under any circumstances be held liable or responsible to any person or persons for any loss or damage from any excess or deficiency in the pressure, volume, or supply of water due to any cause whatsoever. The Owner will undertake to use reasonable care and diligence to prevent and avoid interruptions and fluctuations in service, but it cannot and does not guarantee that such will not occur.

The Owner shall not be held responsible nor any claim made against it because of the breaking of any mains or service pipes, or because of any interruption of the supply of water caused by the breaking of machinery or stoppage for necessary repairs, and no persons shall be entitled to damages nor have any portion of a payment refunded for any interruption of service.

SECTION XVII: General: No person shall turn the water on or off at any street valve, corporation cock, curb cock, or other street connection, or disconnect or remove any meter without the consent of the Owner. No employee or agent of the Owner shall have the right or authority to bind it by any promise, agreement, or representation contrary to the letter of intent of these Rules and Regulations or the laws of the State of Missouri.

Any complaint against the service or employees of the Owner should be made at the office of the Owner in writing.

The service pipes, meters, and fixtures on the water user's property shall at all reasonable hours be accessible to the Owner for observation or inspection.

In the event, that the total water supply is insufficient to meet all of the needs of the water users, or in the event, there is a shortage of water, the Owner may pro-rate the water available among the various users on such basis as is deemed equitable by the Owner and may also prescribe a schedule of hours, covering the use of water for purposes specified and require adherence thereto, or prohibit the use of water for certain specified purposes if at any time the domestic, livestock, garden and other purposes, and the Owner must first satisfy all the needs of the water users for domestic purposes before supplying any water for livestock purposes and must satisfy the needs of all the water users for domestic and livestock purposes before supplying water for other purposes.

SECTION XVIII: Amendment of Rules and Regulations: These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any regular meeting of the Owner or any special meeting thereof called for such purpose.

SECTION XIX: Establishing Certain fees to Establish or Re-Establishing Water Service: The following charges are for three-fourths (3/4) to one (1) inch meters only. For anything larger, the cost will be determined at the time of installation of the required service. All fees include the meter provided by the city up to one (1) inch. All meter setters will be double check valves. Nothing will be buried without first being inspected by the City of Duenweg. And will be charged at the current rate for material and installation.

SECTION XX: Establishing Certain fees to Establish Wastewater Service: The following charges are to establish a wastewater connection. The price is for a residential 4-inch connection, all others will be priced individually. Extensions are covered in Section XII. And will be charged at the current rate for material and installation.

SECTION XXI: Establishing Water and Wastewater Charges for Users of the City of Duenweg's Public Water System: Residential wastewater charges beginning April 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029, shall be outlined in this ordinance titled "Exhibit A".

The City of Duenweg does not provide sewer service outside city limits without a voluntary annexation request. Such annexation request shall be successfully executed and annexation completed. When common boundaries for such annexations do not exist, a clause for providing exception until a common boundary for annexation exists shall be inserted into voluntary annexation requests for future execution and successful completion, even if said property should change hands.

These rates will increase annually on January 1st by the commiserate rate for the following year as outlined in the attachment of "Exhibit A".

SECTION XXII: User Fees to Include the Operation and Maintenance Charge for Water: All metered water charges beginning April 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029, shall be outlined in this ordinance titled "Exhibit B".

All water users will be subject to a monthly charge consistent with the current stipulations set forth by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

These rates will increase annually on January 1st by the commiserate rate for the following year as outlined in the attachment of “Exhibit B”.

SECTION XXIII: Review: The City of Duenweg will review water and sewer rates at least every three (3) years from this date on, or at such time necessary.

SECTION XXIV: Sales Tax: All sales tax will be collected as required by the Missouri Department of Revenue.

SECTION XXV: Disconnection. Disconnecting water service incurs extra costs. The reconnection fee is \$25 during normal business hours and \$50 after hours. This fee will be applied to your account at 8 a.m. on the 25th of the billing month, at which point your water meter will be turned off. If the 25th falls on a weekend or holiday, the fee will be charged at 8 a.m. on the next business day, resulting in your meter being shut off for that billing cycle.

Repeated late payments or service disconnection may necessitate a deposit equating to two and a half (2.5) times the highest bill from the past year. If a deposit already exists, users may be required to raise it to this maximum amount.

For inquiries about past water usage or payments, the City of Duenweg can provide this information.

If a water or sewer user leaves an unpaid bill and later returns to the service, they must settle the outstanding amount, pay a service fee of \$100, and submit a deposit equal to two and a half (2.5) times the highest bill. This deposit will be refunded once the user moves out and the final bill is settled.

SECTION XXVI: Transfer of Service: As a customer of the City of Duenweg water service you shall be eligible to transfer your service to a different address without paying the service fee if you meet the following qualifications:

- a) An existing water customer of the City of Duenweg.
- b) A water customer who has not incurred any late fees for the immediate preceding twenty-four months.
- c) A water customer who is not in arrears with the City of Duenweg.
- d) All current balances (not arrears) will be transferred to the new address' account.

SECTION XXVII: The City of Duenweg shall hold the landlord of any property responsible for the delinquency of water and/or sewer bills for up to

ninety (90) days of service that has been unpaid by the occupant of their property.

WHEREAS, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-004 shall be in full force and effect on the date of passage. Passed on an emergency basis on its first reading as it pertains to the health and welfare of the citizens of the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri.



PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE

CITY OF DUENWEG, MISSOURI, THIS 27th DAY OF March, 2025.



Russell Olds, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Box, City Clerk

IN TOWN RESIDENTS	BASE RATE UP	PER 1000
	TO 4000	AFTER
2025	\$23.13	\$2.00
2026	\$24.30	\$2.00
2027	\$25.50	\$2.00
2028	\$26.76	\$2.00
2029	\$28.10	\$2.00

***RATE STUDY DUE BY
12/31/2027***

OUT TOWN RESIDENTS		
2025	\$43.87	\$2.36
2026	\$43.87	\$2.36
2027	\$43.87	\$2.36
2028	\$43.87	\$2.36
2029	\$43.87	\$2.36

IN TOWN BUISNESS		
2025	\$32.47	\$2.00
2026	\$34.09	\$2.00
2027	\$35.79	\$2.00
2028	\$37.58	\$2.00
2029	\$39.45	\$2.00

OUT TOWN BUSINESS		
2025	\$64.94	\$2.36
2026	\$68.18	\$2.36
2027	\$71.59	\$2.36
2028	\$75.17	\$2.36
2029	\$78.93	\$2.36

SENIOR IN TOWN		
2025	\$20.81	\$2.00
2026	\$21.85	\$2.00
2027	\$22.94	\$2.00
2028	\$24.08	\$2.00
2029	\$25.28	\$2.00

SENIOR OUT TOWN		
2025	\$36.99	\$2.00
2026	\$36.99	\$2.00
2027	\$36.99	\$2.00
2028	\$36.99	\$2.00
2029	\$36.99	\$2.00

APARTMENT BUILDING	PER 1000 GALLONS	
	1st 64000	AFTER
2025	\$370.08	\$2.00
2026	\$388.58	\$2.00
2027	\$408.01	\$2.00
2028	\$428.41	\$2.00
2029	\$449.83	\$2.00

BULK WATER RATES	PER 1000 GALLONS	
	EACH HOOK UP	AFTER
	\$15.00	\$4.25

EXHIBIT A

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SEWER RATES FOR NEXT 5 YEARS

GALLONS	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
100-4000	\$ 83.25	\$ 87.41	\$ 91.78	\$ 96.37	\$101.19
4500	\$ 85.33	\$ 89.49	\$ 93.86	\$ 98.45	\$103.27
5000	\$ 91.57	\$ 95.73	\$100.10	\$104.69	\$109.51
5500	\$ 89.49	\$ 93.65	\$ 98.02	\$102.61	\$107.43
6000	\$ 91.57	\$ 95.73	\$100.10	\$104.69	\$109.51
6500	\$ 93.65	\$ 97.81	\$102.18	\$106.77	\$111.59
7000	\$ 95.73	\$ 99.89	\$104.26	\$108.85	\$113.67
7500	\$ 97.81	\$101.97	\$106.34	\$110.93	\$115.75
8000	\$ 99.89	\$104.05	\$108.42	\$113.01	\$117.83
8500	\$101.97	\$106.13	\$110.50	\$115.09	\$119.91
9000	\$104.05	\$108.21	\$112.58	\$117.17	\$121.99
9500	\$106.13	\$110.29	\$114.66	\$119.25	\$124.07
10000	\$108.21	\$112.37	\$116.74	\$121.33	\$126.15

2 " SEWER

GALLONS	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
1ST 1000	\$172.87	\$181.52	\$190.60	\$200.13	\$210.14
PER 1000					
AFTER	\$4.16	\$4.16	\$4.16	\$4.16	\$4.16

JOPLIN SEWER/DUENWEG WATER

GALLONS	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
1ST 1000	\$63.98	\$72.13	\$75.74	\$79.53	\$79.72
PER 1000					
AFTER	\$4.16	\$4.16	\$4.16	\$4.16	\$4.16

JOPLIN SEWER/DUENWEG WATER

FOR SEWER \$63.42 + \$.56 (ADMIN FEE) = 63.98

FOR WATER \$43.87 1ST 1,000 + \$2.36 PER 1,000 FOR

DNR FEE \$.44 = 108.29 FOR 1,000 GALLONS

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