

**CITY OF DIAMOND CITY, ARKANSAS
ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2014**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DIAMOND CITY, BOONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO AMENDING
ORDINANCE 03-11 THE RATES CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF DIAMOND CITY, BOONE
COUNTY, ARKANSAS WATER SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Diamond City has entered into a signed contract with the citizens of Diamond City for the city to provide water services for a monthly fee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamond City, Arkansas is responsible for determining reasonable water rates to ensure that the City has the resources to meet its obligations and provide for the efficient operation of the system; and

WHEREAS, to meet the obligations of the city of Diamond City, there is a need for a yearly rate increase for water services to ensure the solvency of the system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamond City wishes to restructure the current rates to provide relief for low water usage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamond City in order to ensure the future solvency of the Diamond City, Arkansas, Water System, has ordained that there will be a rate increase that will occur in the month of January of each calendar year, the rate increase set by recommendation of the Mayor and the Recorder/Treasurer with the approval of the Diamond City Council, but generally 3%,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DIAMOND CITY: that Section VIII: Water Rates be amended as follows:

The following table shows the level rates per thousand gallons will be the rates for service from the Diamond City Water system for the remainder of 2014 beginning July 1, 2014:

Residential and Commercial Inside the City Limits	2014 Current	2014 Amended
1,000 Gallons	\$19.25 Min	\$14/ thousand level rate
	\$12.25/1000	
Commercial Rates Outside City Limits		
First 1,000 Gallons	\$24.25	No change
	\$12.25/1000	
Corps of Engineers Park		
First 1000 Gallons	\$19.25 Min	\$14/thousand Level rate
	\$12.25/1000	

These rates will be increased in January of each successive year by 3%.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

It is hereby declared that the current procedures and costs while providing sufficient funds to compensate the City of Diamond City for costs incurred, it is more equitable to levelize the rates to one rate per

thousand gallons, there by assisting customers on fixed incomes. Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and in order to preserve the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Diamond City, the provisions hereof have immediate effect and therefore this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved and adopted by roll call vote as follows this 3rd day of June 2014.

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstentions _____ Absent _____

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the City Council of Diamond City, Arkansas duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance amending the rates of Ordinance 03-11.

APPROVED:



**Shari Marshall
Mayor**

ATTEST:



**Cheryl Guthrie
Recorder/Treasurer**