

**CITY OF DIAMOND CITY, ARKANSAS  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DIAMOND CITY, BOONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO AMENDING  
ORDINANCE 02-2015 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 yearly rate will be determined as needed by the Council.

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

**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 26th day of May 2020.**

Ayes 4    Nays 1    Abstentions 0    Absent 1

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the City Council of Diamond City, Arkansas duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance amending the rates of Ordinance 08-2014.

**APPROVED:**

  
Linda Miracle, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Deputy Recorder