

CITY OF DIAMOND CITY, BOONE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-2021

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF GRINDER PUMPS INSTALLED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DIAMOND CITY, ARKANSAS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS; to facilitate proper and efficient transmission of sewage from Diamond City to the Sugarloaf Wastewater plant , the City of Diamond City must use a grinder pump system; at some locations.

WHEREAS; after the homeowner pays for the initial pump, panel and installation the City of Diamond City currently pays for all repair, maintenance, and replacement of the grinder pumps and electrical panels which is a tremendous burden on the City of Diamond City Sewer Budget.

WHEREAS; with the elimination of the maintenance, repair or replacement cost of the pump and accessories to the City, the reduction of cost to City would allow the excess monies to be applied to improvements to the already dated sewer system.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMOND CITY, ARKANSAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

A: Effective January 1, 2022, the City of Diamond City will no longer provide maintenance, repair or replacement of all residential or commercial business grinder pumps.

B: Any new construction on a lot requiring a grinder pump will be paid for by the owner and the owner will be responsible for all cost associated with installing, setting up and maintenance repair.

C: Public Works personnel will respond to any reported Grinder Pump alarm, to make an initial inspection to assist the resident or business owner with identifying any problems. If the notification is after hours or on a Holiday the Public works Department will make a determination if the response or repair can wait until regular working hours. The resident or business owner is still responsible for any repairs or maintenance needed.

D. Public Works Department will be responsible for the sewage transmission lines located on public property or in utility easements.

E. To ensure the integrity of the sewage transmission system, the City of Diamond City will provide to any current resident, new home owner or business the specifications for the grinder pump connections and electrical panel that is required to be compatible with the current sewage transmission system.

F. After any mechanical or electrical work is done on a system it must be inspected by the City of Diamond City to assure compliance with State electrical and plumbing codes.

G. If a homeowner or renter/lessor, or business owner does not address any problems with the grinder pump system within a reasonable amount of time, the City reserves the right to disconnect water

services so not to have any unsanitary conditions on the property. Water service will stay disconnected until the grinder pump issue is addressed, inspected and passed.

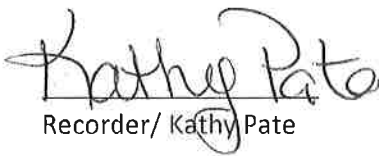
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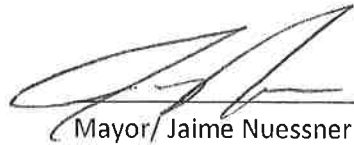
SEVERABILITY; This Ordinance is hereby declared severable.

Should any section or subsection be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section or subsection to be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby found that the need to stop the City of Diamond City from servicing and maintaining the grinder pumps to be the most cost effective solution for the City. The provision hereof has immediate effect and therefore this ordinance shall be in full effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021


Recorder/ Kathy Pate


Mayor/ Jaime Nuessner