ORDINANCE NO. 621

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 230, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, BY ADOPTING A NEW WATER AND SEWER RATE CALCULATION SHEET, AND AMENDEING SECTION 36 OF SAID ORDIANCE 230 BY REVISING THE AMOUNT OF THE RECONECTION FEE TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Long Beach,

Mississippi, having made due investigation, do now find as follows:

- 1. That the costs of providing municipal water and sewerage services to the customers of the combined waterworks and sewer department have now increased and that those increased costs do now require that the water and sewer user fees presently assessed and charged by the City be increased, and further, that the costs of managing and collecting delinquent accounts and restoring service to disconnected accounts has increased and the delinquency fees for reconnection of discontinued service should be increased, and that such increase is necessary for the general health, welfare, safety and convenience of the citizens of the City of Long Beach and to pay the costs of providing such municipal water and sewerage services.
- 2. That in order to improve and maintain the City's ability to supply necessary water to businesses and residences within the City and to achieve and maintain an improved rating of its water system from the Mississippi Department of Health under the Capacity Development Program developed in accordance with the revised Federal Safe Water Drinking Act it is necessary to further increase the water user fees presently assessed and charged by the City by an amount necessary to assure that water system revenues exceed water system expenditures by ten per cent (10%), to be shown on statements for water service as Acontingency fund".

Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Rate Calculation Sheets.

The User Charges for water and sewer service within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach shall be based upon the formulas and calculation sheets attached hereto as Appendix A. This Appendix A shall replace the equivalent Appendix A previously adopted and attached to Ordinance No. 569 of the City of Long Beach, which most recently amended Ordinance No. 230. The user charges calculated according to this new APPENDIX A shall be applied to all water and sewer services billed for by the City on and after October 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. Section 36 of said Ordinance No. 230, as previously amended, entitled, *Disconnection of Service for Non-Payment of Bill, Reconnection Charge* is hereby amended to read as follows:

ASection 36. <u>Disconnection of Service For Non-Payment Of Bill, Reconnection Charge.</u> All bills covering water and sewer service not paid on or prior to the due date thereof shall be deemed past due and in default and the City shall have the right to discontinue eater service at any time thereafter, and in the event such service is discontinued, there shall be a charge of \$ 35.00 for each reconnection of service.

SECTION 3. Severability, Savings Clause.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or constitutional provision or application; and to that end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption; all for the immediate preservation of order and of the public health and safety; nevertheless notice of the adoption of this ordinance shall be given and the same enrolled in the Ordinance as provided by law.

The above and foregoing Ordinance No. 621 was introduced in writing by Alderman Lishen who moved its adoption. Alderman Griffin seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance, and after discussion, no member of the Board of Aldermen having requested the Ordinance to be read by the City Clerk, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Gary J. Ponthieux	Voted	Aye
Alderman Bernie Parker	Voted	Aye
Alderman Kelly Griffin	Voted	Aye
Alderman Ronnie Hammons, Jr.	Voted	Aye
Alderman Mark E. Lishen	Voted	Aye
Alderman Alan Young	Voted	Aye
Alderman Leonard G. Carrubba, Sr.	Voted	Aye

The question having received the affirmative vote of all the Aldermen present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the said Ordinance Number 621 adopted and approved this the 6th day of September, 2016.

APPROVED:

WILLIAM SKELLIE, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

REBECCA E. SCHRUFF, CITY CLERK

Appendix A

Flat Rates	Water	Sewer	Sewer Trmt	Sewer Debt	Garbage	Total
standard	16.85	18.49	10.83	20.83	13.00	80.00
senior	14.19	14.85	10.83	20.83	13.00	73.70
county	24.28	26.74	16.25	31.25		98.52

Metered Rates	Water	Sewer	Sewer Trmt	Sewer Debt Garbage	Total
standard	2.02	2.22	1.30	2.50	8.04
senior	1.84	1.93	1.30	2.50	7.57
county	2.91	3.21	1.95	3.75	11.82

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HARRISON CITY OF LONG BEACH

I, the undersigned, Rebecca E. Schruff, City Clerk within and for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance #621 of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting duly held and convened on the 6th day of September, 2016, as the same appears of record in Ordinance Book #8, pages 416-419, inclusive, in my office at the City Hall in said City.

Given under my hand and the official seal of my office this the 7^{th} day of September, 2016.

(SEAL)

Rebecca E. Schruff, City Clerk