ORDINANCE NO. 07-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CAMDEN WATER UTILITIES TO INCREASE SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS ON THE AIRPORT SEWER SYSTEM; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Camden, Arkansas (the "City") owns a water and sewer (combined) system, operating under Camden Water Utilities, which is operated as a single, integrated municipal undertaking, under the control of the Camden Water and Sewer Commission (the "Commission"); and

WHEREAS, Camden Water Utilities operates the Airport Sewer System and pays Shumaker Public Service for treating water collected in the System; and

WHEREAS, the Shumaker Public Service has increased the rate being charged to Camden Water Utilities;

WHEREAS, the Camden Water Utilities incurs additional expenses in providing sewer service to the Airport Sewer System;

WHEREAS, this additional cost should be paid by the users of the Airport Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was published in a local newspaper at least ten (10) before said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted to give users of the System an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed rate changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. Rates to users of the Airport Sewer System shall be increased by \$7.15 on each customer base.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby determined that an emergency exists because of the need to adequately fund the cost of treating water collected in the Airport Sewer System. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Camden, this Ordinance shall be of full force and effect immediately from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK