

**ORDINANCE**

**AMENDMENT TO ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE OF RULES AND FEES FOR UTILITY SERVICES FURNISHED TO CONSUMERS OF THE CITY OF TUPELO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tupelo is authorized by the Section 21-27-23 Miss. Code Anno. (1972 as amended) to establish schedules of rules and fees for utility services furnished to consumers of the City of Tupelo Water & Light Department; and

**WHEREAS**, that based on appropriate studies and investigations, the Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees: Customer Service Charges as set forth and attached in Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council met at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2023, to review and consider information compiled by the City of Tupelo Water and Light Department demonstrating the need for establishing updated Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees: Customer Service Charges set forth above and attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council found and determined that the updated Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees was necessary, fair and reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees set forth as attached below, shall be published in ordinance form as required by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE ORDAINED** by the City Council as follows:

Section 1. The Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees: Customer Service Charges as codified as Section 26-127 of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi Code of Ordinances is hereby amended in pertinent part by substitution to read:

**Water Connection & Tap Charges**  
**Inside City Limits**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Outside Paved Areas</u>	<u>Inside Paved Areas</u>
¾"	\$2,200.00	\$3,200.00
1"	\$2,400.00	\$3,400.00
1 ½"	\$3,100.00	\$4,100.00
2"	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00
3" and Larger	**	**

\*\*Charge will be based on cost of materials, labor and equipment at the time of installation on a case by case basis.

## **Water Connection & Tap Charges**

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## **Sewer Service Connection Charges**

### **Inside City Limits**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Outside Paved Areas</u>	<u>Inside Paved Areas</u>
4"	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
6"	\$1,700.00	\$2,700.00
8" and Larger	**	**

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## **Sewer Service Connection Charges**

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## **Meter Installation Charges In Developments**

### **Inside City Limits**

### **Outside City Limits**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>
¾"	\$1,300.00	¾"	\$1,500.00
1"	\$1,500.00	1"	\$1,700.00
1 ½"	\$2,200.00	1 ½"	\$2,400.00
2"	\$2,600.00	2"	\$2,800.00

## **Non-Metered Connection Charges for Existing Water System & Sprinkler Connections**

### **Inside City Limits**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Outside Paved Areas</u>	<u>Inside Paved Areas</u>
6" x 6"	\$3,500.00	\$4,500.00

8" x 6"	\$3,700.00	\$4,700.00
8" x 8"	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00

\*\*Larger connections - Charge will be based on cost of materials, labor and equipment at the time of installation on a case-by-case basis.

**Non-Metered Connection Charges for Existing Water System & Sprinkler Connections Outside City Limits**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Outside Paved Areas</u>	<u>Inside Paved Areas</u>
6" x 6"	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
8" x 6"	\$4,200.00	\$5,200.00
8" x 8"	\$4,600.00	\$5,600.00

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Section 2. All other portions of the Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees other than changes in Section 1 above shall remain the same.

Section 3. The Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees as amended in Section 1 above shall become effective on October 1, 2023.

Section 4. The Service Practice Standards: Schedule of Rules, Regulations and Fees for Utility Service, Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees as herein amended are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 5. The Clerk of the Council is hereby directed to cause a copy of this amendatory ordinance to be published one time in the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal.

The foregoing Ordinance was proposed in a motion by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, and, after discussion, no Council Member having called for a reading, was brought to a vote as follows:

Councilman Chad Mims \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Lynn Bryan \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Travis Beard \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilwoman Nettie Davis \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Buddy Palmer \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilwoman Janet Gaston \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilwoman Rosie Jones \_\_\_\_\_

Whereupon, the motion having received a majority of affirmative votes, the President of the Council declared that the Ordinance has been passed and adopted on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Hanna, City Clerk

**Exhibit “A”**

**CITY OF TUPELO WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE PRACTICE STANDARDS  
SCHEDULE OF RULES, REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR UTILITY SERVICE**

**Appendix A**

**SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES AND FEES**

**The following Schedule of Customer Service Charges is hereby fixed and established:**

Meter Connection Charge	\$25.00
Transfer Charge	\$25.00
Disconnection/Reconnection Fee for non-payment	\$25.00
During regular hours, 8 am – 5 pm, M-F	
Reconnection after regular hours and weekends	\$75.00
Reconnection for CT (current transformer)	\$50.00
Metering service during regular hours	
Reconnection for CT (current transformer)	\$75.00
Metering service after regular hours and weekends	
Late Notice Charge	\$4.00
Penalty on all customers other than residential	5%
Meter Testing Charge	\$10.00
Minimum Charge for theft of electricity or water	\$100.00
Minimum Charge for damage to AMI meters	\$200.00
Returned Check Charge	\$30.00
Installation of underground primary electric lines	\$9.00 per foot
(In excess of 200 feet)	
Disconnection for non-payment requiring a	\$100.00
Bucket Truck	
Temporary Electric Service	\$65.00
Permit Fee – CT Meter Can	\$135.00

**The following Schedule of Customer Deposits is hereby fixed and established:**

<u>Residential Electric Deposit</u>	<u>Credit Score</u>
\$0	700-850
\$200	650-699
\$300	Less than 650

  

<u>Residential Water Deposit</u>	<u>Credit Score</u>
\$0	700-850
\$75	650-699
\$100	Less than 650

Additional deposits may be required if service is discontinued for non-payment equal to two (2) month’s average bill based on prior twelve (12) months service history.

Customers transferring service after the effective date of this ordinance, who have a poor payment history, will be required to pay the new deposit schedule before transferring their utility service to a new location.

Commercial Customers are required to pay meter deposits equal to two (2) months average billing based on prior twelve (12) months service history.

Minimum Commercial Deposits are as follows:

Electric	Two (2) times the average usage.	Water 1" – Temp	\$500.00 (Fire Plug)
Water	\$150.00	Water 2" – Temp	\$900.00 (Fire Plug)

Tupelo Water & Light Department reserves the right to periodically review deposits and to add additional deposits to protect the City on accounts that have inadequate surety deposits or poor pay history.

Commercial customers will have the option of paying a cash deposit, posting a Utility Surety Bond or filing a Certificate of Deposit with Tupelo Water & Light Department. All Certificates of Deposit must have the business name and Tupelo Water & Light Department on the face of the certificate. Tupelo Water & Light Department Collections and Billing Office will be the custodian of all Utility Surety Bonds and Certificates of Deposit.

**The following Schedule of Water & Sewer Tapping Fees is hereby fixed and established:**

**Water Connection & Tap Charges  
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<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>
3/4"	\$1,300.00	3/4"	\$1,500.00
1"	\$1,500.00	1"	\$1,700.00
1 1/2"	\$2,200.00	1 1/2"	\$2,400.00
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**Fire Protection Fees**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Monthly Charges</u>
4"	\$19.00
6"	\$27.00
8"	\$53.00
10"	\$106.00
12"	\$172.00

\*NOTE: Tupelo Water & Light Department will review the rates, charges and fees annually on or before the beginning of each calendar year.