

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7-2010 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, RELATING TO SEWERAGE COLLECTION CHARGES, TO PROVIDE FOR A REQUIRED INCREASE IN SEWER TREATMENT CHARGES TO BE EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURTHER REQUIRED INCREASES IN SEWER TREATMENT CHARGES TO BE EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2025, AND ON JULY 1, 2026; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for receipt of grant funds of \$1,813,614.00 for the New Drago Street Lift Station Project, the sewer utility system of the City of West Monroe must show there is a sufficiency of resources available for continued operation, that the sufficiency of resources will be continued to be adequately augmented by sufficient revenue, and that the revenue (when considering other available sources of funds) provides a sustainability factor of 1.15x;

WHEREAS, City contracted for a Sewer Rate Study Report, which analyzed the Sewer utility system from a financial standpoint, and which determined that in order to obtain and maintain the required 1.15x sustainability factor, the City is required to increase its sewer rates in accordance with the Sewer Rate Study; and

WHEREAS, now implementing those recommended sewer rate increases for 2024, for 2025, and for 2026 will allow the City to attain the required sustainability factor of 1.15x.

ACCORDINGLY,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Section 7-2010 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to be applicable for all commercial and residential sewer collection and treatment charges billed after September 1, 2024, to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-2010. Sewer collection and treatment charges - beginning September 1, 2024.

(a) *Sewerage collection charges.*

(1) *Single family residences (noncommercial):* The monthly charge for sewerage collection shall be thirteen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$13.56);

(2) *Commercial (all other than single family residences):*

a. The monthly sewerage collection charge shall be the sum

of thirteen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$13.56) plus two dollars and fourteen cents (\$2.14) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons;

- b. Notwithstanding a. above the monthly charge for sewerage collection for institutions exclusively providing room, board, service and/or treatment to handicapped, sick, aged, or persons below the age of majority, or other persons unable physically to care for themselves by reason of some infirmity, shall be the sum thirteen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$13.56) plus one dollar and eighty-seven (\$1.87) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons.

(b) *Sewerage treatment charges.*

- (1) Single-family residences (noncommercial): The monthly charge for sewerage treatment shall be four dollars and twenty-four cents (\$4.24) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed.
- (2) Commercial (all other than single-family residences): The monthly charge for sewerage treatment shall be four dollars and seventy-two cents (\$4.72) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed.”

(c) *Beginning in 2027, all of the rates set forth above shall be annually adjusted for all charges billed after June 30th of each year in accordance with Sec. 7-2010.2.*

SECTION 2. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Section 7-2010 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to be applicable for all commercial and residential sewer collection and treatment charges billed after July 1, 2025, to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-2010. Sewer collection and treatment charges - beginning July 1, 2025.

(a) *Sewerage collection charges.*

- (1) *Single family residences (noncommercial):* The monthly charge for sewerage collection shall be seventeen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$17.56);
- (2) *Commercial (all other than single family residences):*
 - a. The monthly sewerage collection charge shall be the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$17.56) plus two dollars and fourteen cents (\$2.14) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons;
 - b. Notwithstanding a. above the monthly charge for sewerage collection for institutions exclusively providing room, board, service and/or treatment to handicapped, sick, aged, or persons below the age of majority, or other persons unable physically to care for themselves by reason of some infirmity, shall be the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty-six cents (\$17.56) plus one dollar and eighty-seven (\$1.87) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of

water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons.

(b) *Sewerage treatment charges.*

- (1) Single-family residences (noncommercial): The monthly charge for sewerage treatment shall be five dollars and forty-nine cents (\$5.49) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed.
- (2) Commercial (all other than single-family residences): The monthly charge for sewerage treatment shall be six dollars and eleven cents (\$6.11) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed.”

(c) *Beginning in 2027, all of the rates set forth above shall be annually adjusted for all charges billed after June 30th of each year in accordance with Sec. 7-2010.2.*

SECTION 3. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Section 7-2010 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended, to be applicable for all commercial and residential sewer collection and treatment charges billed after July 1, 2026, to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-2010. Sewer collection and treatment charges - beginning July 1, 2026.

(a) *Sewerage collection charges.*

- (1) *Single family residences (noncommercial):* The monthly charge for sewerage collection shall be twenty-two dollars and sixty-six cents (\$22.66);
- (2) *Commercial (all other than single family residences):*
 - a. The monthly sewerage collection charge shall be the sum of twenty-two dollars and sixty-six cents (\$22.66) plus two dollars and fourteen cents (\$2.14) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons;
 - b. Notwithstanding a. above the monthly charge for sewerage collection for institutions exclusively providing room, board, service and/or treatment to handicapped, sick, aged, or persons below the age of majority, or other persons unable physically to care for themselves by reason of some infirmity, shall be the sum twenty-two dollars and sixty-six cents (\$22.66) plus one dollar and eighty-seven (\$1.87) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons.

(b) *Sewerage treatment charges.*

- (1) Single-family residences (noncommercial): The monthly charge for sewerage treatment shall be seven dollars and nine cents (\$7.09) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed.
- (2) Commercial (all other than single-family residences): The monthly charge for sewerage treatment shall be seven dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$7.88) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed.”

(c) *Beginning in 2027, all of the rates set forth above shall be annually adjusted for all charges billed after June 30th of each year in accordance with Sec. 7-2010.2.*

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that these provisions shall be effective with the date of the adoption of this ordinance.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted the 20th day of August, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF
AUGUST, 2024

CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA