

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-2010.3(a)(2)(a), 7-2010.3(a)(2)(b), 7-2010.4(a)(2)(a), AND 7-2010.4(a)(2)(b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, RELATING TO SEWERAGE COLLECTION CHARGES, TO CORRECT THE 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, Ordinance No. 5374, adopted August 20, 2024, inadvertently omitted the required increase provided by the Sewer Rate Study for four of the rates, and that omission must now be corrected.

ACCORDINGLY,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that as to all commercial and residential sewer collection and treatment charges billed after July 1, 2025, Section 7-2010.3(a)(2)(a) and (b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, are hereby amended to read as follows:

(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 three dollars and sixty-three cents (\$3.63) 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 three dollars and eighteen (\$3.18) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons.

SECTION 3. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that as to all commercial and residential sewer collection and treatment charges billed after July 1, 2026, Section 7-2010.4(a)(2)(a) and (b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, are hereby amended to read as follows:

- (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 four dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$4.69) 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 four dollars and ten cents (\$4.10) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water metered and billed which is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons.

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 8th day of May, 2025, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF
MAY, 2025

ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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