## ORDINANCE NO.2024-03

AN ORDINANCE SETTING WATER METER DEPOSIT FEES, ESTABLISHING SEPARATE DEPOSIT AMOUNTS FOR WATER CUSTOMERS THAT OWN OR RENT/LEASE IN THE CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, upon a meeting of the City of Gassville Water/Wastewater Committee and a review of past due bills owed by water customers it was determined that a separate water meter deposit fee should be charged to water customers who own, or rent or lease; and

WHEREAS, the current meter deposit fee charges are not ensuring when water customers leave the City of Gassville their water meter deposit will pay any amount owed to the City of Gassville.

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

**SECTION 1. OWNERS:** That the following shall be the water meter deposit fee charged to owners of property in the City of Gassville:

water meter deposit: \$100.00 (one-hundred dollars).

service fee: \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars).

total: \$125.00 (one-hundred twenty-five dollars).

SECTION 2. RENTERS/LEASE: That the following shall be the water meter deposit fee charged to persons who rent or lease property in the City of Gassville:

water meter deposit: \$150.00 (one-hundred fifty dollars).

service fee: \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars).

total: \$175.00 (one-hundred seventy-five dollars).

**SECTION 3. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES:** The billing clerk shall have separate service agreement forms made available with the proper amount of the water meter deposit with the service fee for the owner or renter/lease included in each agreement.

SECTION 4. PAST DUE BILL COLLECTION: The mayor is hereby authorized to enter an agreement/contract with Professional Credit Management (PCM) to collect any past bills due to the city for water/sewer services that are in the amount of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) or greater and are at least 90 (ninety) days past due.

**SECTION 5. REPEAL:** Any ordinance or parts of any ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED THIS	16th	DAY OF July	,2024.
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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JEFF BRAIM, MAYOR

EFF LEWIS RECORDER/TREASURER