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## ORDINANCE 2024-007

### AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RULES & REGULATIONS

#### **Water Tap:**

A standard water tap shall consist of a three quarter (3/4) meter, check valve, and standard meter box. The customer is responsible for completing a water application and the cost shall be \$1,800.00 (\$900.00 Tap Fee and \$900 Capital Recovery Fee) plus a meter deposit of \$100.00 plus a \$10.00 connection fee. Additional deposit charges may apply to new customers.

For a one-inch meter, the cost will be \$2,500 (\$1,250.00 Tap Fee and \$1,250 Capital Recovery Fee). Taps for larger meters will be quoted at the time of construction. The Capital Recovery Fees are as follows:

- 2" \$1,600.00
- 3" \$2,000.00
- 4" \$2,500.00
- 6" \$3,000.00

These fees are in addition to the applicable deposit and connection fee.

The tap for water service will be installed on the right of way, being no further than 30 feet from the main. If the tap for water service is a bore under the road, the tap can be no further than 100 feet from the main. If the tap is further than these two measurements, a cost estimate will be provided to the customer and all costs must be paid in full before the tap will be installed. All new customers with a new water tap must install a cut off valve on the customer's side of the meter before water is connected.

Ashville Water & Sewer is responsible for maintenance at the main only.

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Council Members

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### **Water Deposits and Connection Fees:**

The deposit is \$100.00 plus a \$10.00 connection fee. Additional deposit charges may apply to new customers.

Any individual that has been in the Ashville Water System and has left an outstanding bill must pay the bill in full before service can be connected.

### **Water Mains:**

- The design and specifications of the distribution system shall meet the Ashville Water & Sewer system requirements.
- Water mains shall be extended the full length or width of the pavement and shall meet the requirements of Ashville Water and Sewer Department.
- In new subdivisions, all new water mains, meters, valves, casings, tapping saddles, curb stops, corporation cocks, magnetic tape, wire, and labor shall be installed at the developer's expense.
- All installation of materials must be performed by a licensed contractor and comply with the City of Ashville supply list.

### **Pipe Size and Type:**

All water main extensions shall be approved by the Water Superintendent at the time of construction.

### **Transferring Water Service:**

If a customer is moving from one location to another location inside the Ashville Water System, the customer must pay all current charges and a \$10.00 C/D fee before service can be transferred. The customer must have a current, up to date deposit on file before the service can be transferred.

### **Customer Responsibility:**

All customers will complete an application for water/sewer service. A deed or lease will be required for proof of residency and a current driver's license for identification.

Water bills are due upon receipt and delinquent after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month and are subject to cut off by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

### **Adjustments to Water Bill:**

In the case of a catastrophic situation where a customer has a water leak, Ashville Water & Sewer will once in a 24-month period adjust half of the amount of the water, once the repair has been made. To receive an adjustment, the bill must be a minimum of \$150.00 before the adjustment. If the homeowner repairs the leak themselves, the homeowner will provide pictures of the leak & repair and receipts of where the supplies were purchased. If someone other than the homeowner repairs the leak, the individual must be a licensed, certified plumber with a City of Ashville business license.

The City of Ashville does offer a payment plan for large bills due to a leak. The plan arrangements are as follows:

If the bill is \$150.00 - \$400.00, the customer will be allowed 3 months to pay the bill in its entirety while continuing to pay the current monthly bill.

If the bill is \$401.00 - \$700.00, the customer will be allowed 6 months to pay the bill in its entirety while continuing to pay the current monthly bill.

If the bill is \$701.00 - \$1,000.00, the customer will be allowed 9 months to pay the bill in its entirety while continuing to pay the current monthly bill.

If the bill is more than \$1,000.00, the customer will be allowed 12 months to pay the bill in its entirety while continuing to pay the current monthly bill.

### **Cut Off Procedure:**

If a customer is cut off for nonpayment, the total balance on the account plus a reconnect fee must be paid with cash, money order or debit/credit card before water service is restored. The reconnect fee is applied once the cut off list is established. Reconnect Fees are \$50.00 for the first and second violation. A third violation will be a \$75.00 reconnect fee and any violations thereafter will result in a \$100.00 reconnect fee.

### **Return Check Procedure:**

If a check is returned to Ashville Water & Sewer for any reason, the customer has 10 days to come in and pay the amount of the check plus a \$30.00 return check fee. This must be paid with cash or a money order. No checks will be accepted for one year after the NSF has been received.

### **Sewer Services:**

Ashville Water & Sewer has two different types of sewer service: Gravity Flow and Pressurized Sewer. The inspection fee will be \$400.00 for a residential sewer lateral and \$600 for a commercial sewer lateral. The customer is responsible for completing a sewer application, which includes the fee and the municipal contractor information.

The homeowner is responsible for hiring a licensed municipal contractor to tap into the main line and make the connection to the City sewer. The proposed site of a sewer connection must first be inspected and approved by the Superintendent before any work can be done. A

check valve on the customer's side of the sewer tap must be installed before the final connection to the sewer system. All materials must comply with the City of Ashville supply list.

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No industrial waste direct or indirect can be taken by the City of Ashville Sewer System.

**Effective Date:**

This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption, approval and publication as provided by law. Fees established herein shall be collected beginning July 1, 2024.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024.

CITY OF ASHVILLE, AL

  
Derrick L. Mostella, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Chrystal St. John, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Ashville, Alabama, do hereby, certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council at its meeting held on June 3, 2024, and as same appears of record in Minute Book of said City, and approved by the City Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024

GIVEN UNDER MY AND CORPORATE SEAL of the City of Ashville, Alabama, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2024.

  
  
Chrystal St. John, City Clerk