ORDINANCE FIXING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF MORTON, MISSISSIPPI AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Morton find that it is in the public interest and serves the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Morton and its customers to amend the water rate and sewer rate charged by the City of Morton, Mississippi, to more accurately reflect the actual costs of delivery of services to customers and to insure that additional funds will be available to cover the overhead, maintenance and expenses in connection with providing safe, potable water, and fire protection along with a safe and sanitary sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Morton, Mississippi, as follows:

Section 1. The following rate schedule for water use in any one-month period within the City limits is established:

(1) $11.97 for 3,000 gallons or less per month; and

(2) $3.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons consumed per month over 3,000 gallons.

Section 2. The following rate schedule for sewer use in any one-month period within the City limits is established:

(1) $8.08 for the first 3,000 gallons or less per month; and

(2) $3.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons per month over 3,000.

Section 3. Effective with the December billing cycle, the water and sewer rates shall be set in accordance herewith. Thereafter, on June 1 of each subsequent year beginning June 1, 2027, there shall be an increase of four percent (4%) to all base amounts and an increase of four percent (4%) to all additional charges per gallon until further action by the governing body of the City of Morton, Mississippi.

Section 4. The provision contained in City Ordinance regarding tampering with meters is amended to raise the tampering fee charged inside the City limits to $500.00. All other provisions regarding tampering with meters remain unchanged.

Section 5. All other charges and fees remain unchanged.

Section 6. That, for good cause shown, this ordinance shall take effect immediately, the public welfare and good so requiring.

ORDERED by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Morton, Mississippi, in regular meeting, this the 3rd day of November, 2026.

/s/Jimmy Steadman, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Tara Sholar, City Clerk

I, Tara Sholar, the duly elected, qualified, acting and lawful custodian of the Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Morton, Mississippi, and seal of said City, certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted and passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting on November 3, 2026, and is recorded in Minute Book 51.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this the 3rd day of November, 2026.

/s/ Tara Sholar, CITY CLERK

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