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THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE BY THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 542

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee operates a municipal water supply system for the benefit of the residents of the City;

WHEREAS, the City has not raised water rates and service charges since January of 2020, yet the cost of maintaining and operating the municipal water supply system has increased during the intervening years, and the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the City and its residents to increase such charges at the current time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Charges for Residents. The monthly water rates and charges to each service connection within the corporate limits of the City of Cherokee shall be as follows:

- a. A monthly service charge of \$25.00; and
- b. For all water delivered to the meter at the service location
  - i. For the first 4,000 gallons, \$7.40, for each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof; and
  - ii. For all amounts in excess of 4,000 gallons, \$7.71 for each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

Section 2. Charges for Non-Residents. The monthly water rates and charges to each service location located outside the corporate limits of the City of Cherokee shall be as follows:

- a. A monthly service charge of \$25.00; and
- b. For all water delivered to the meter at the service location
  - i. For the first 4,000 gallons, \$8.03 for each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof; and
  - ii. For all amounts in excess of 4,000 gallons, \$8.35 for each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

Section 3. Charges for Bulk Water Purchases Under Contract. The monthly water rates and charges to bulk purchasers of water pursuant to written contracts with the City of Cherokee shall be as follows:

- a. Rural Water District No. 5, Cherokee County, Kansas, for all water delivered \$6.03 for each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof; and
- b. The City of McCune, Crawford County, Kansas, for all water delivered \$7.00 for each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

Section 4. Basis of Charges. Charges shall be computed on the volume of water delivered through the meter at the service connection in increments of one thousand (1,000) gallons.

Section 5. Meter Failure Estimate. In case any meter fails to register without fault of the customer, the amount charged for the period of such failures shall be based on an estimate of the average metered water usage during similar preceding periods.

Section 6. Effective Date. The rates prescribed herein shall apply to all meter readings beginning on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022.

Section 7. Repeal of Prior Ordinance. Ordinance No. 542 and all prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. Force and Effect. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication one time in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS, THIS 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

  
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J. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Pamela Tompkins, City Clerk