ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES IN THE CITY OF ELKHORN CITY, KENTUCKY

Ordinance No. 2015-004

WHEREAS, the City of Elkhorn City, in order to meet the present obligations, as well as to meet increased costs in purchasing water, the increased cost of operating and maintaining the water and sewer systems, pay out of debt obligation, the City of Elkhorn City recognizes the necessity to adjust customer service rates and charges inside the City and outside the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ELKHORN CITY that the customer service rates and charges shall be as follows:

The below rates shall take effect on the following dates. Phase 1 shall go into effect upon passage of this Ordinance, Phase 2 November 1, 2016 and Phase 3 November 1, 2017.

Water customers who do not have sewer charges, but sewer is available will be charged a surcharge of $26.95 per bill rendered.

Water customers purchasing water through a fire hydrant will by charged a rate of $10.00 per thousand gallons of water.

Phase 1
Monthly Water Rates
For customers inside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
10,000 First 2,000 Gallons	$20.78	Minimum Bill
Next 8,000 Gallons	7.28	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	6.46	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$42.62	Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 Gallons	7.28	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	6.46	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$143.58	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	6.46	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$208.14	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	6.46	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$337.26	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	6.46	Per 1,000 Gallons
6 Inch		
First 100,000 Gallons	$660.06	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	6.46	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 1
Monthly Water Rates
For customers outside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
First 2,000 Gallons	$25.98	Minimum Bill
Next 8,000 Gallons	9.10	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	8.07	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$53.28	Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 Gallons	9.10	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	8.07	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$179.48	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	8.07	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$260.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	8.07	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$421.58	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	8.07	Per 1,000 Gallons
6 Inch		
First 100,000 Gallons	$825.08	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	8.07	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 1
Monthly Sewer Rates
For customers inside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
First 2,000 Gallons	$17.43	Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 Gallons	7.51	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$42.62	Minimum Bill
All Over 5,000 Gallons	7.51	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$143.58	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	7.51	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$208.14	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	7.51	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		

First 50,000 Gallons	$337.26	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	7.51	Per 1,000 Gallons

6 Inch

First 100,000 Gallons	$660.06	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	7.51	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 1

Monthly Sewer Rates
For customers outside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch

First 2,000 Gallons	$21.91	Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 Gallons	9.39	Per 1,000 Gallons

1 Inch

First 5,000 Gallons	$53.28	Minimum Bill
All Over 5,000 Gallons	9.39	Per 1,000 Gallons

2 Inch

First 20,000 Gallons	$179.48	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	9.39	Per 1,000 Gallons

3 Inch

First 30,000 Gallons	$260.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	9.39	Per 1,000 Gallons

4 Inch

First 50,000 Gallons	$421.58	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	9.39	Per 1,000 Gallons

6 Inch

First 100,000 Gallons	$825.08	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	9.39	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 2

Monthly Water Rates
For customers inside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch

First 2,000 Gallons	$19.73	Minimum Bill
Next 8,000 Gallons	6.91	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	6.13	Per 1,000 Gallons

1 Inch

First 5,000 Gallons	$40.46	Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 Gallons	6.91	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	6.13	Per 1,000 Gallons

2 Inch

First 20,000 Gallons	$136.30	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	6.13	Per 1,000 Gallons

3 Inch

First 30,000 Gallons	$197.58	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	6.13	Per 1,000 Gallons

4 Inch

First 50,000 Gallons	$320.14	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	6.13	Per 1,000 Gallons

6 Inch

First 100,000 Gallons	$626.54	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	6.13	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 2
Monthly Water Rates
For customers outside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch

First 2,000 Gallons	$24.66	Minimum Bill
Next 8,000 Gallons	8.64	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	7.66	Per 1,000 Gallons

1 Inch

First 5,000 Gallons	$50.58	Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 Gallons	8.64	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	7.66	Per 1,000 Gallons

2 Inch

First 20,000 Gallons	$170.38	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	7.66	Per 1,000 Gallons

3 Inch

First 30,000 Gallons	$246.98	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	7.66	Per 1,000 Gallons

4 Inch

First 50,000 Gallons	$400.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	7.66	Per 1,000 Gallons

6 Inch

First 100,000 Gallons	$783.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	7.66	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 2
Monthly Sewer Rates
For customers inside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
First 2,000 Gallons	$23.54	Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 Gallons	10.22	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$40.46	Minimum Bill
All Over 5,000 Gallons	10.22	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$136.30	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	10.22	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$183.25	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	10.22	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$320.14	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	10.22	Per 1,000 Gallons
6 Inch		
First 100,000 Gallons	$626.54	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	10.22	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 2
Monthly Sewer Rates
For customers outside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
First 2,000 Gallons	$29.82	Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 Gallons	12.78	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$50.58	Minimum Bill
All Over 5,000 Gallons	12.78	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$170.38	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	12.78	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$246.98	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	12.78	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$400.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	12.78	Per 1,000 Gallons

6 Inch

First 100,000 Gallons	$783.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	12.78	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 3

Monthly Water Rates

For customers inside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch

First 2,000 Gallons	$18.68	Minimum Bill
Next 8,000 Gallons	6.54	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	5.80	Per 1,000 Gallons

1 Inch

First 5,000 Gallons	$38.31	Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 Gallons	6.54	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	5.80	Per 1,000 Gallons

2 Inch

First 20,000 Gallons	$129.03	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	5.80	Per 1,000 Gallons

3 Inch

First 30,000 Gallons	$183.25	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	6.00	Per 1,000 Gallons

4 Inch

First 50,000 Gallons	$303.03	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	5.80	Per 1,000 Gallons

6 Inch

First 100,000 Gallons	$593.03	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	5.80	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 3

Monthly Water Rates

For customers outside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch

First 2,000 Gallons	$23.35	Minimum Bill
Next 8,000 Gallons	8.18	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	7.25	Per 1,000 Gallons

1 Inch

First 5,000 Gallons	$47.89	Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 Gallons	8.18	Per 1,000 Gallons
All Over 10,000 Gallons	7.25	Per 1,000 Gallons

2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$161.29	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	7.25	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$233.79	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	7.25	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$378.79	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	7.25	Per 1,000 Gallons
6 Inch		
First 100,000 Gallons	$741.29	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	7.25	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 3
Monthly Sewer Rates
For customers inside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
First 2,000 Gallons	$30.18	Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 Gallons	12.94	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$38.31	Minimum Bill
All Over 5,000 Gallons	12.94	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$129.03	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	12.94	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$183.25	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	12.94	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$303.03	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	12.94	Per 1,000 Gallons
6 Inch		
First 100,000 Gallons	$593.03	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	12.94	Per 1,000 Gallons

Phase 3
Monthly Sewer Rates
For customers outside the City Limits of Elkhorn City

5/8 X 3/8 Inch		
First 2,000 Gallons	$37.73	Minimum Bill
All Over 2,000 Gallons	16.17	Per 1,000 Gallons
1 Inch		
First 5,000 Gallons	$47.89	Minimum Bill
All Over 5,000 Gallons	16.17	Per 1,000 Gallons
2 Inch		
First 20,000 Gallons	$161.29	Minimum Bill
All Over 20,000 Gallons	16.17	Per 1,000 Gallons
3 Inch		
First 30,000 Gallons	$233.79	Minimum Bill
All Over 30,000 Gallons	16.17	Per 1,000 Gallons
4 Inch		
First 50,000 Gallons	$378.79	Minimum Bill
All Over 50,000 Gallons	16.17	Per 1,000 Gallons
6 Inch		
First 100,000 Gallons	$741.29	Minimum Bill
All Over 100,000 Gallons	16.17	Per 1,000 Gallons

A. **Connection Charges:** The charge for a 5/8 x 3/4 inch water connection shall be $500. All larger connections shall be made at the actual cost of installation. A charge of $500 will be assessed for each sewer connection.

B. **Deposits:** All applicants for service shall pay a $100.00 deposit before installation of any meter. Deposit is refundable after service has been disconnected and the final balance is paid in full. If the final balance is not paid in full or disconnection has taken place for nonpayment, the deposit amount will first be used to pay the delinquent amount and the difference shall be refunded to the customer. Another deposit must then be paid in order for reconnection. All bills will be considered past due if unpaid ten (10) days after the due date. Any account that remains unpaid five (5) days after the past due date shall have service discontinued. The full balance of the customer's account shall be paid to avoid interruption of service. Any account that is disconnected shall be required to pay the balance in full in addition to applicable fees such as reconnection fees and a security deposit if not currently on file.

C. **Re-connection Fees:** Where the water supply to the customer has been disconnected for non-payment of delinquent bills, or where a meter is to be reinstalled for a new customer at the location where one existed previously, a charge of $100.00 will be assessed for reconnection of water service. The reconnection of service will not be made until all delinquent bills and other charges, if any, owed by the customer to the city have been paid.

D. **Leak Adjustments:** The city will allow one leak adjustment per customer on an annual basis. In making a leak adjustment, the city will determine the customer's average monthly usage for the past 12 months. The city will bill the customer for their average usage at the current rates. All usage in excess of the average monthly usage will be charged at the current per 1,000 gallon rate the city pays for its purchased water plus an additional $0.10 per 1,000 gallons to pay for transmission costs.

E. **Special Charges:** Special charges shall be assessed to the customer in the following instances:

A. $20.00 will be charged on all returned checks.

B. $20.00 will be charged to reread a meter at the customer's request unless such reread reveals that the initial reading was erroneous. No charge will be made if the initial reading was incorrect.

C. $30.00 will be charged for a meter test when such test is made at the customer's written request unless the meter is found to be faulty. No charge shall be made for testing a faulty meter and appropriate adjustments will be made in accordance with the test results.

D. A 10 percent late payment penalty will be assessed if bills are not paid by the due date.

F. Individual Fire Hydrant: For each fire hydrant contracted for by a City, County, State for Federal governmental agency or institution, private customer, private industry, or private institution, the connection and installation charge shall be $2,000.00.

H. Multi-Unit: The monthly charge for customers who have requested water service through a master meter for multi-unit service shall be the larger of the actual water usage as recorded by the master meter or the number of housing units times the minimum water charge per unit, based on the City's standard service meter minimum charge.

All customers are required to sign a Customer Agreement. All new taps are required to purchase a plumbing permit. All business must be conducted at City Hall.

All ordinances, orders resolutions, or similar instruments in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby suspended and deemed null and void upon adoption of this Ordinance.

The effective date for all rates and charges herein given shall coincide with the date of adoption of this Ordinance and shall be reflected in charges for services rendered on and after.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after it is passed and published as required by law. This ordinance was given a first reading on Dec 8 2015. A motion was made by Rob Lester to approve the first reading of the Annexation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Jeff Bailiff.

Upon roll call, the votes were as follows:

Lois Cantrell	Yes	Rob Lester	Yes
Mike Stacy	Yes	Roxanne Blankenship	Yes
Jeff Bailiff	Yes	Roger Copley	Yes

This ordinance was given a second reading on Dec. 9, 2015. A motion was made by Roger Copley to approve the second reading and adopt the Annexation Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Roxanne Blankenship

Upon roll call, the votes were as follows:

Lois Cantrell	Yes	Rob Lester	Yes
Mike Stacy	Yes	Roxanne Blankenship	Yes
Jeff Bailiff	Yes	Roger Copley	Yes

The Annexation Ordinance was adopted at a meeting held on December 9th, 2015.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

Hope Ramey, City Clerk