

ORDINANCE NO. 23- 09-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 52.35  
AND 52.36 OF THE CITY OF BENTON'S CODE  
OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND WATER ADJUSTMENT  
RATES AND INCREASE THE WATER AND SEWER  
CONNECTION FEES**

WHEREAS, the cost of sewer connections has not been amended since 2000 and the cost of water connections has not been amended since 2013;

WHEREAS, the City of Benton increased the cost of the water connection fee in June of 2013 however the amended cost is not reflected in the published Benton Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City of Benton desires to amend Section 52.36 of the Benton Code of Ordinance related to the cost of sewer connections by increasing the cost of the water and sewer connection to reflect the rising cost of material and labor to complete the connection;

WHEREAS, the City of Benton desires to amend Section 52.35 of the Benton Code of Ordinances related to water leak adjustments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON, KENTUCKY that:**

A. Section 52.35(C)(2) of Chapter 52: Water and Sewers, in the Benton Code of Ordinances, shall read as follows:

(2) If the City Council elects to adjust a customer's bill pursuant to the provisions of this (~~division~~) chapter, the amount the customer shall be required to pay shall be determined by the average bill for the location served over the three-month period immediately prior to the date of that bill to be adjusted and the average shall be the amount billed to the customer plus a service charge equal to an amount equal to ~~(\$0.50)~~ 20% less than the city's water rate per each 1,000 gallons of water metered to that location and which exceeds the customer's average over the three-month period immediately prior to the date of the adjustment. A water bill shall not be adjusted for a period in excess of three consecutive months.

B. Section 52.36 of Chapter 52: Water and Sewers, in the Benton Code of Ordinances, shall read as follows:

(A) From and after the effective date of this section, the fees for connecting to the water and sewer system of the city shall be as follows:

<i>Utility Service</i>	<i>Connection Fee</i>
( <del>Sewer outside city limits</del> )	( <del>\$1,000.00</del> )
( <del>Water outside city limits</del> )	( <del>\$825.00</del> )
( <del>Water inside city limits</del> )	( <del>\$675.00</del> )
( <del>Sewer inside city limits</del> )	( <del>\$500.00</del> )

	<u>Water (inside)</u>	<u>Water (outside)</u>
5/8" Meter Tap	\$1,150.00 plus cost of meter	\$1,450.00 plus cost of meter
1" Meter Tap	\$1,400.00 plus cost of meter	\$1,700.00 plus cost of meter
1 1/2" Meter Tap	\$2,175.00 plus cost of meter	\$2,475.00 plus cost of meter
2" Meter Tap	\$2,775.00 plus cost of meter	\$3,075.00 plus cost of meter


Sewer tap = \$1500.00 to include clean-out and up to 28' sewer pipe. Any other materials will be charged at cost. No sewer connection will be made for customers outside city limits.

- (B) In the event of circumstances resulting in extraordinary expenses for tapping either a water or sewer line, the city may elect to charge the customer/owner the cost of the extraordinary expense and said expense will be in addition to the tap on fee set forth above.
- (C) Excepted from the water tap on fee set forth above, any customer/owner for property located on Arrant Road, Breezeel School Road, Elva Road, Gatlin Road, Highway 408, Jackson School Road or JB Copeland Road, who elects to tap on the newly installed waterline may do so within sixty (60) days after the waterline is ready to be tapped at the tap on fee in place in January of 2023, said fee shall include the difference in the cost of a 5/8" meter cost and the cost of a radio read meter.

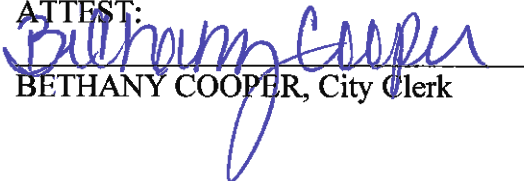
C. The remaining provisions of Chapter 52 shall remain as currently enacted.

D. Pursuant to KRS 83A.060(9), a summary of the ordinance may be published, the full text of the ordinance may be reviewed at Benton City Hall during regular office hours.

Passed this the 11 day of September, 2023.

  
RITA DOTSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
BETHANY COOPER, City Clerk

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING**

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
ANN RILEY	✓	_____
KEVIN FARLEY	✓	_____
RITA MURRAY	✓	_____
BUTCH HOLLAND	✓	_____
LAURA CRAYNON	✓	_____
GUY HENTON	✓	_____