

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE, GEORGIA, ENTITLED "CITY OF ARNOLDSVILLE WATER ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1994", AS AMENDED

Request for water service from the Arnoldsville Water Department must be made by application for the purpose of establishing customer's name, mailing address, placement of meter, and type use for rate classification.

1. **Meters.**

Each individual resident dwelling, commercial building or business must have its own meter. (Mayor and council shall be empowered to determine what constitutes a resident dwelling, commercial building, and business.)

Mobile Home Parks are to have one meter for each section of the park. (Mayor and Council shall be empowered to determine what constitutes a Mobile Home Park and the number of sections which make up the Park.)

2. **Ownership and Maintenance.**

The City of Arnoldsville shall own, place, replace, and maintain all parts of the water system from the water source, through the water main, up to the meter and the meter. The customer shall own and maintain that part from the meter on.

3. **Tap-on to Water Main**

Prior to tap-on to the water main a charge of \$750.00 shall be paid. This is subject to change, based on the economy. An unauthorized tap-on will be subject to a fine of \$500.00. Tap-on fees outside the City Limits will be \$1000.00. *A fee to be determined by the City Council, but no less than \$350.00 will be charged if a bore is required to connect to the City Water System.*

4. **Start New Account on Existing Meter.**

Each new water customer shall pay a \$100.00 start-up fee when application is submitted for service.

5. **Water Rates.**

A. Water rates may be adjusted by the Mayor and Council as they may deem fit and necessary in order for the water system to be self-supporting for immediate cash flow and anticipated infrastructure maintenance.

Commercial usage shall be dealt with on an individual basis by Mayor and Council. Mobile Home Parks are classified as commercial.

6. **Non-payment.**

Payment made after due date must include a 10% late fee.

If payment for water bill is not received within 30 days of due date, a written warning will be issued to person responsible for bill. If payment is not received within 60 days of due date, the meter will be pulled. To receive service again, the water bill must be paid in full plus the start-up fee of \$50.00. A \$100.00 reconnection fee will be charged for a second and/or subsequent reconnection for non-payment of water bill(s).

7. **Re-connection.**

A start-up fee of \$50.00 will be charged for re-connection for any reason.

8. **Notice to Discontinue.**

It is the responsibility of property owner, as well as the water customer, to notify City five days

prior to discontinuing service.

9. **Conservation.**

It is the duty of each person to use water as the precious resource that it is by immediately repairing leaky plumbing on their premises and report any leaks or other waste of water from city mains.

10. **Water Shortage or Scarcity:**

1. In any case of a water shortage or scarcity, the Mayor and Council may restrict the use of water.

2. A violation of any established restriction of water will result in a written warning; if said violation continues, a verbal warning by Mayor and a Council person or a law enforcement officer; if still continued, the meter will be removed, and a start-up fee will be charged to reconnect.

11. **Water Rate Scale.**

1. Inside city limits - residential:

0-3,000 gallons, \$18.00 (minimum charge), plus \$3.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons or part thereof for 3,000 to 5,999 gallons plus \$4.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons, or part thereof over 6,000 gallons, per month.

2. Inside city limits - commercial:

0-3,000 gallons, \$18.00 (minimum charge), plus \$3.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons for 3,000 to 5,999 gallon or part thereof, plus \$4.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons, or part thereof over 6,000 gallons, per month.

3. Outside city limits - residential:

0-3,000 gallons \$33.00 (minimum charge), plus \$4.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons for 3,000 to 5,999 gallons, or part thereof, plus an additional \$5.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons or part thereof, over 6,000 gallons per month.

4. Outside city limits - commercial:

Acceptance at discretion of Mayor and Council. Rates will be determined by Mayor and City Council when an "outside city limits-commercial" account is accepted.