

CITY OF AUSTIN

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2013

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 5-81; FIXING DEPOSITS FOR
WATER CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER
DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, ARKANSAS;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, Arkansas owns and operates the water facilities as a municipal undertaking and has determined that dimensions, betterments, improvements, and maintenance should be made to the Water System in order that the City and its inhabitants may have adequate and proper water facilities; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to establish a schedule of connection fees to be charged for Residential Water Connections to the Water System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That the following sub-section is added to Ordinance No. 5-81, Section 1:

(f) That the following nonrefundable fees are to be charged for Water Connections to the City of Austin Water System, which the City Council hereby finds and declares are fair, reasonable, and necessary nonrefundable connection fees be, and they are hereby, fixed as the nonrefundable fees to be charged for Water Connections to the City of Austin Water System. For all standard meters, there shall be remitted to the water department a \$125.00 nonrefundable fee for water connections made by resident owners, residential renters, commercial owners, commercial renters, or contractors, to be paid before water services are connected. The connection fees are not transferrable from one party or entity to another.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any provision shall for any reason be held illegal or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 6. No other provisions of Ordinance No. 5-81 are amended or altered by the passage of this Ordinance. All portions of Ordinance No. 5-81 not amended hereby are to remain in full force and effect. Ordinance Nos. 06-2002, 02-2004, and 06-2005 are hereby repealed in their entireties. This ordinance has no effect on the charge for setting meters and connection locations.

Section 7. Emergency. The proper and beneficial use of water and providing for water services to the City of Austin is of great importance to the welfare, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City. It is therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved: Bernie Chamberlain
Mayor

ATTEST:

Steve Bab
City Clerk

Date: 6-24-13