

City of Austin, Arkansas
ORDINANCE NO. 07-2021

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER DEPARTMENT LEAK AND POOL
ADJUSTMENT POLICY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Austin, Arkansas, finds it necessary to establish a leak and pool adjustment policy.

NOW therefore be it ordained by the City Council of Austin, Arkansas:

Section 1. The City shall from enactment of this Ordinance forward, a policy to adjust sewer bills one (1) time each year when a customer has a verified leak or fills a swimming pool.

As used in this section, "pool" means an artificial basin constructed of concrete, steel, fiberglass, or other impervious material intended for recreational bathing, swimming, diving or therapeutic purposes which is located either indoors or outdoors and above or below ground.

Section 2. The leak or pool must not discharge water back into the sanitary sewer system to be eligible.

Section 3. Customers must contact Austin Water Department to request a "Leak/Pool Fill Adjustment Form" within sixty (60) days of repairing leak or filling pool. The "Leak/Pool Fill Adjustment Form" must be completed in its entirety and approved by the Austin Water Department.

Section 4. The Austin Water Department Adjustment shall be based on the following

- (a) The water usage during the month the pool was filled minus the average water usage for the past six (6) months.
- (b) The pool adjustment shall not exceed the maximum gallon capacity of the pool.

Section 5. Customer's Austin Water Department account shall be current to receive the adjustment.

As used in this section, "current" means a balance of \$0.00 overdue or credit on Austin Water Department Account.

Section 6: Customer's Austin Water Department account shall be continued to be paid until the adjustment is approved and applied to the customer's Austin Water Department account. All late or past due amounts shall be penalized accordingly.

Section 7: A employee of Austin Water Department or a representative of the City of Austin may visit the property to verify the leak or pool has been filled and/or repaired and that is not plumbed to discharge water back into the sanitary sewer. The Customer shall be contacted to any visit being made by a city employee to the property.

Section 8. Any and all disputes related to the Austin Water Department Leak and Pool Adjustment Policy shall be brought before the Mayor's office.

Section 9. Whereas, this ordinance being necessary for the immediate protection of the public health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED:

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK