

**ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT SEWER USE RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW SEWER USE RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cameron owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system as a stand-alone non-profit municipal enterprise to serve the citizens of Cameron, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cameron City Council has elected to make necessary treatment plant and sanitary sewer system improvements over the next several years to reduce infiltration and inflow, and

**WHEREAS**, a rate study by HDR Engineers determined that current sewer revenue is not sufficient to fund such improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Repeal the existing subsection (b) of Sec. 12-289, Rates, and replace it with a new subsection (b), *Monthly rates*, setting new sewer use rates.

(b) *Monthly rates.*

- (1) For residential contributors, monthly user charges for the collection and treatment of sewage will be based on monthly water usage. The minimum charge per month for the collection and treatment of sewerage shall be eleven dollars sixteen cents (\$11.16) for the first two hundred (200) cubic feet for residential contributors and eleven dollars sixteen cents (\$11.16) for the first two hundred (200) cubic feet for other than residential contributors. In addition, each contributor shall pay a user charge rate of two dollars ninety-one cents (\$2.91) per one hundred (100) cubic feet of water (or wastewater) above the minimum as determined in the preceding section.
- (2) For industrial and commercial contributors, user charges for the collection and treatment of sewerage shall be based on water used during the current month. If a commercial or industrial contributor has a consumptive user of water, or in some other manner uses water which is not returned to the wastewater collection system, the user charge for that contributor may be based on a wastewater meter or separate water meters installed and maintained at the contributor's expense and in a manner acceptable to the City.

Section 2. Repeal the existing subsection (c) of Sec. 12-289, Surcharge, and replace it with a new subsection (c), *Surcharge*, setting new surcharge rates.

(c) *Surcharge.* For those contributors who contribute wastewater, the strength of which is greater than normal domestic sewage, a surcharge in addition to the normal user charge will be collected. The surcharge is:

- (1) \$0.75 per pound BOD; and
- (2) \$0.55 per pound TSS.

(d) *Increased charges for certain discharges.*

Any user which discharges any toxic pollutants which cause and increase in the cost of managing the effluent or the sludge from the city's system, or any water user which discharges any substances which singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable increases in the cost of operation, maintenance, or replacement of the system, shall pay for such increased costs. The charge to each user shall be as determined by the treatment plant operator and approved by the city council.

(e) *Applicability.* The user charge rates established in this section apply to all users, regardless of their location, of the city's system.

(Ord. No. 4068, Art. IV, 3-26-92)

Section 3. This ordinance hereby repeals all other ordinances pertaining to all sewer rates heretofore established for users of the sewer system in the City of Cameron, Missouri, and any and all other ordinances inconsistent herewith. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force January 1, 2015.

Section 4. The Mayor is authorized to sign this ordinance approving it on behalf of the City.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Passed and approved on first reading this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2014.

Passed and approved on second reading this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014.

Passed and approved on third and final reading this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2014.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk