

**ORDINANCE 2020-01  
CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS**

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**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A DEPOSIT FOR NEW ACCOUNTS FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Highland, Arkansas (the "City") has constructed and operates a sanitary sewer system to serve residents and businesses of the City (the "System"); and

**WHEREAS**, some users of the system have failed to pay the required rates as established by the City Council by ordinance after public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that, to protect the financial stability of the sanitary sewer system, it is appropriate to charge a deposit for each new connection to the sanitary sewer system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Highland, Arkansas:**

**Section 1.** That all accounts for service with the sanitary sewer system established after the date of this ordinance shall be charged a deposit of \$75.00, to be held in a segregated, non-interest-bearing account for the benefit of the account holder.

**Section 2.** The deposit amount may be used by the City for the payment of delinquent amounts of the account holder. In the event the City uses any amount of the deposit for the payment of delinquent amounts owed by the account holder, the account holder shall be required to reimburse the City for such payments so that at all times the full deposit amount of \$75.00 shall be held by the City.

**Section 3.** The deposit amount, shall be refunded to the account holder upon the termination of the sanitary sewer system service to the account holder.

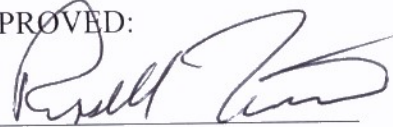
**Section 4.** That the provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if a section, phrase or provision shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance.

**Section 5.** That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**EMERGENCY CLAUSE.** It being necessary for the continued fiscal planning of the City of Highland and for the proper and prudent operation of the sanitary sewer system of the City, the requirement of a deposit for all new sanitary sewer system accounts being necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City, the City Council of the City of Highland, Arkansas, recognizes and declares an emergency to exist, and this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, comfort, convenience, morals, safety and welfare of the City of Highland, Arkansas, shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10 DAY OF March, 2020.

APPROVED:



Russell Truitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mary Ruth Wiles, Recorder/Treasurer

