

ORDINANCE NO. 132

An ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER USER CHARGES

The Council of the City of Bethel Heights, Arkansas finds that:

Section 14 of the City's Ordinance No. 128 provides that the council shall establish sewer user charges by ordinance.

The Council has established that an equitable criterion upon which to base sewer user fees for differing user classification is by the establishment of "equivalent residential units" (ERU'S), one ERU should be established as 2.5 people per household or 250 gallons per day of effluent flow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, as follows:

Section 1: CONNECTION FEES REQUIRED: Deposit fee: Residential – equivalent to six (6) months projected billing (estimated at this time at \$120.00). Commercial – equivalent to six (6) months projected billing (estimated at this time at \$240.00). Deposits will be refunded upon disconnect or two (2) years timely payments. City Inspection Fee - \$35.00. Sewer Plumbing Permit Fee - \$34.00.

Section 2: ASSESSMENT: All Residential and Commercial property owners shall be responsible for paying the fees to the City of Bethel Heights for each STEP or STEG Interceptor Tank kit installed on the property. Residential tank kits shall be 1500-gallon tank kits and installed by a certified installer. Commercial tank kit requirements shall be determined by the City engineer and installed by a certified installer. Charges for purchase and installation of the required kits for residential and commercial property owners will be billed to the owners at the same cost as is billed to the City of Bethel Heights for the purchase and installation of the STEP or STEG Interceptor Tank kits.

Section 3: FEES: Based upon the above, which are adopted herein, the monthly sewer fee for each user shall be determined as:

RESIDENTIAL: Base of one ERU shall be \$20.00 with all additional gallons prorated per ERU rate (\$0.27 per 100 gallons). This shall be charged on actual winter usage from October 1st thru April 1st, and charged on a flat rate for the remainder of the year determined from an average of the winter monthly usage.

COMMERCIAL: Base of one ERU shall be \$40.00 with all additional gallons prorated per ERU rate (\$0.54 per 100 gallons). This shall be charged on actual usage per month all year round. Laundries, Laundromats, and Car Washes, etc., rates shall be determined before any connection shall occur.

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

These rates shall become effective on the completion of service installation.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City of Bethel Heights Council on this 20th day of August, 2002.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CLERK/RECORDER/TREASURER