AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND FEES OF THE CITY'S UTILITY SERVICES; FIXING EFFECTIVE DATES

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City requested that Toth Engineering conduct a rate study concerning the City's Utility Services. These services included water, wastewater, natural gas and electric; and

WHERAS, the study showed that rates and fees charged to the City's customers where not adequate enough to maintain the systems; and

WHEREAS, Toth Engineering provided the City with a three-year plan to bring the City's rates and fee up to a level that would properly provide for the repair and maintenance for the City's utility infrastructure: and

WHEREAS, after reviewing Toth Engineering's plan, City staff have adjusted the rate structure and timeline to better serve the citizens; and

WHEREAS, after careful review, the City Council approves the adjustments to the rate schedule plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WAYNESVILLE, MO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment to Electric Service Rates.

- a. The current electric rate charged by the city for residential customers is \$.1065 per KWH.
- The amended rate for electric services shall be \$.1108 per KWH.
- c. The current electric rate charged by the city for small commercial customers is \$.1065 per KWH.
- d. The amended rate for electric services shall be \$.1108 per KWH.
- e. There shall be no rate change for large commercial electric services.
- f. This amendment shall be in full force and effect beginning September 1st, 2023.

Section 2. Amendment to Natural Gas fees.

- a. The current natural gas service availability fee is \$12.00.
- b. The amended natural gas service availability fee shall be \$15.00
- c. This amendment shall be in full force and effect beginning June 1st, 2023.

<u>Section 3.</u> The above amendments to the Electric and Natural Gas rates and fees shall be codified in the City of Waynesville Municipal Code, at the appropriate time, under Title VI – Public Utilities.

<u>Section 4.</u> Except to the extent amended by this ordinance, the provisions of Title VI – Public Utilities of the City's Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect and the definitions and other provisions contained within these chapters shall be applicable to this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 16^{TH} DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

Sean A. Wilson, Mayor

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Michele Brown, City Clerk

