

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_**

**CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 51.04: WATER SERVICE RATES OF THE TONTITOWN MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Tontitown has adopted regulations for water rates and fees which are codified in Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of the Tontitown Municipal Code, which was previously amended by Ordinance No. 2024-02-1098 on February 20, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Tontitown now finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Tontitown to amend Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service of the Tontitown Municipal Code in order to reflect new water rates and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, having fully reviewed the proposed amendment, the Tontitown City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and benefit to the community to amend Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service of the Tontitown Municipal Code, as incorporated in the attached Exhibit "A".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service, of the Tontitown Municipal Code is hereby amended, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A", effective January 22, 2025.

**Section 2.** The rest and remainder of the Tontitown Municipal Code not specifically amended herein remains in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** In the event that any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or other provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

**Section 4.** Declaration of Emergency. It is hereby found and determined that Section 51.04 Water Service Rates of the Tontitown Municipal Code should be immediately amended in its entirety in order to adequately finance the water system of the City of Tontitown, as required by Arkansas Law. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act, being immediately necessary for the preservation and protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens, shall become effective on the date of its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2025.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Angela Russell, Mayor

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Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer  
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