ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-06-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18 CHAPTER 4 SECTION 403 AND 404 OF THE ATOKA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES.

WHEREAS, the Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 of the Atoka Municipal Code of Ordinances sets the various fees for water and sewer service provided by the Town of Atoka, and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to charge fair and reasonable fees for water and sewer services provided by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the need to maintain a financially stable utility service while ensuring rates remain fair and equitable for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust utility rates to reflect the increasing costs of providing services, infrastructure maintenance, and capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ATOKA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 (1) of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(1) Water Rates. Effective July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2026, the specified rates and fees below shall apply to all water customers.

Minimum	$ 10.30
Each one thousand gallons	$ 4.713

SECTION 2. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 (2) of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(2) Sewer Rates. Effective July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2026, the specified rates and fees below shall apply to all sewer customers.

	Meter Size	
Minimum	5/8 to 3/4 inch	$ 10.00
Minimum	1 inch	$ 9.20
Minimum	1-1/2 inch	$ 17.50
Minimum	2 inch	$ 23.20
Minimum	3 inch	$ 37.20
Each one thousand gallons		$ 5.768
Grease tank pumping		$250.00

SECTION 3. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 (3) of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(3) Connection / Tap fees. The following fees shall be charged to customers for tapping onto the Town's water or sewer lines. These fees shall include all materials and labor for the Town to complete the connection.

Primary Water Connection – 5/8"-3/4"		$ 1500.00
	1-inch	$ 1,500.00 + 500.00
	2-inch	$ 1,500.00 + 1,800.00
Sewer Connection -	STEG System	$ 3,600.00
	STEP System	$ 1,050.00
Auxiliary Water Connection		$ 1,500.00
Grinder/Sewer Pump Installation		$ 4,120.00
*Must purchase from town		
STEP System		$ 4,120.00
*Must purchase from town		
Water Service Relocation using Existing Meter		$ 500.00
Sewer Tank		$ 1000.00

SECTION 4. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 (4) of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(4) Account Activation/Relocation fee. The following fees shall be charged to customers requesting a new service, a name change on an existing service, or a relocation of service:

Water Connection – Property Owner	$ 95.00
Sewer Connection – Property Owner	$ 95.00
Water Connection – Property Renter	$ 95.00
Sewer Connection – Property Renter	$ 95.00

SECTION 5. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 (5) of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows.

(5) Penalties and Service fees. The following fees shall be charged to customers as defined:

Late payment penalty	10% of bill due
Non-Payment Fee	$ 50.00
Fee to restore/activate service after business hours	$ 100.00
Returned Check Fee	$ 30.00

SECTION 6. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 403 (6) of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows.

(6) Damaged or Destroyed equipment fees. The following replacement fees shall be charged to customers who destroy, disable or otherwise damage town equipment. *One half-hour minimum rate shall apply to all replacements listed in this section.*

Water meter box lock	$ 50.00 plus $95.00/hour - labor and truck
Concrete meter box lid	$ 85.00 plus $95.00/hour - labor and truck
Concrete meter box	$ 200.00 plus $95.00/hour - labor and truck

Sewer tank riser	$ 300.00 plus $95.00/hour - labor and truck
Sewer tank lid	$ 150.00 plus $95.00/hour - labor and truck
Water meter	$ 450.00 plus $95.00/hour - labor and truck

SECTION 7. Title 18 Chapter 4 Section 404 of the Atoka Municipal Code is amended to read as follows.

18-404. Non-refundable Water and Sewer Connection fees. The following non-refundable connection fees shall apply:

(1) Water Service. Each prospective water customer within the corporate limits shall pay a ($95.00) non-refundable connection fee to secure water service to his or her residence or business.

(2) Sewer Service. Each prospective sewer customer within the corporate limits shall pay a ($95.00) non-refundable connection fee to secure sewer service to his or her residence or business.

SECTION 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 9. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 10. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED at the First Consideration by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Atoka, Tennessee on the 13th day of May 2025.

PASSED at the Second Consideration by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Atoka, Tennessee on the 10th day of June 2025.

Barry L. Akin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Covarrubias, Town Recorder