

**ORDINANCE NO. 1781**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND MANCHESTER MUNICIPAL CODE 18-201, 18-202, and 18-203 REGARDING WATER, SEWER, SERVICE, AND EQUIPMENT FEES**

WHEREAS Manchester Municipal Code Section 18, Chapter 2, currently sets forth the policies, and fees governing the provision of water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the Manchester Water and Sewer Department (MSWD), upon review and recommendation of the Manchester Water and Sewer Commission, and the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Manchester believes it to be in the best interest of the City to revise those policies and rates due to the costs of administration and operations relative to requests for these services.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that Manchester Municipal Code 18-201 shall be deleted in its entirety and amended as follows to add:

**“18-201. Monthly payments for water and sewer services required.**

**Every water customer shall pay the established rates for water supplied on or before the due day on the bill. If payment is not received before the next day of the month a charge of fifteen percent (15%) will be added to the net bill (both water and sewer), and if not paid within fifteen (15) days after due date the water will be cut off and shall not be turned on again until all arrearages (both water and sewer) shall have been paid in full and the customer shall have paid a sum of \$100.00 for turning the water on again; said \$100.00 charge to be applicable to and payable where it has been necessary for authorized personnel of the water and sewer department to travel to the customer's premises for the purpose of cutting the water off and said personnel upon arrival accepting payment of all charges and arrearages. Failure of the customer to receive the bill will not be considered an excuse for non-payment.”**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that Manchester Municipal Code 18-202 shall be amended to delete (1) in its entirety and add the following:

**“(1) For temporary service, up to a maximum of thirty (30) days, there shall be a non-refundable service connection fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). If service is not terminated within thirty (30) days, the fee for permanent service will be charged.”**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that Manchester Municipal Code 18-202 shall be amended to delete (2) in its entirety and add the following:

**“(2) For each new permanent service, there shall be a non-refundable service connection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), except when an existing customer**

transfers service directly to a new location, there will be a non-refundable transfer fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that Manchester Municipal Code 18-202 shall be amended to delete the first sentence of (3) and add the following:

**“(3) In addition to the non-refundable service connection fee, applicants for residential service must post a refundable deposit of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) when requesting service.”**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE that Manchester Municipal Code 18-203 shall be amended to delete the second and third sentences of (3) and add the following:

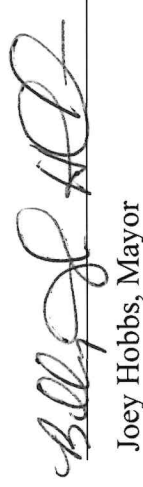
**“ ... There will be a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) charge for returned checks. In addition, there will be a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for reinstatement of services ...”**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE, that this ordinance shall take effect on and after its publication, passage, and public hearing, the public welfare of the City of Manchester requiring it, and that all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED FIRST READING: \_\_\_\_\_ June 2 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

PASSED SECOND AND FINAL READING: \_\_\_\_\_ July 7 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

  
Anthony Burrows, Finance Director

  
Joey Hobbs, Mayor