AS AMENDED ON APRIL 24, 2017 and June 12, 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 2424

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO AMEND WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCREASE RATES BY 15% 7.5% AND MAKING SAID CHANGES EFFECTIVE FOR ALL BILLS DATED OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND THEREAFTER UNLESS AND UNTIL SUBSEQUENTLY REVISED OR CHANGED.

WHEREAS, the water and sewer rates must be revised in accordance with the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget of the City of Salisbury and the appropriations thereby made and established for purposes of the Water and Sewer Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY THAT the following water and sewer rate schedule shall be adopted by the City of Salisbury:

A. Water and Sewer Rate Schedules:

Schedule I Metered Water Changes – In City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge

Commodity Charge

\$22.87 **\$21.38**/ quarter

\$3.41 **\$3.19** / thousand gallons

Commercial

Customer Charge Commodity Charge \$427.99 \$400.08 / quarter \$1.98 \$1.85/ thousand gallons

Large Commercial/Industrial

Customer Charge Commodity Charge \$661.44 <u>\$618.31</u>/ quarter \$1.58 <u>\$1.48</u>/ thousand gallons

Schedule II Metered Water Charges – Outside City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge Commodity Charge \$45.75 \$42.76/ quarter

\$6.83 \$6.38/ thousand gallons

Commercial

Customer Charge Commodity Charge \$855.99 **\$800.16** / quarter **\$3.98 \$3.72**/ thousand gallons

Large Commercial/Industrial

Customer Charge Commodity Charge \$1,322.90 **\$1,236.62**/ quarter \$3.20 **\$2.99**/ thousand gallons

Schedule III Metered Water Charges – Wor-Wic Community College and Urban Service District Rates

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge \$34.30 \(\frac{\$34.30}{2.06} \) | | quarter

Commodity Charge \$5.13 \$4.79 / thousand gallons

Commercial

Customer Charge \$641.99 \(\frac{\$600.13}{200.000} \) quarter

Commodity Charge \$2.98 \$2.79/ thousand gallons

Large Commercial/Industrial

Customer Charge \$992.17 \$927.46 / quarter

Commodity Charge \$2.39 \(\frac{\$2.39}{2.24} \) / thousand gallons

Schedule IV Sewer Charges – In City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge \$56.49 \(\frac{\$52.81}{2} \) quarter
Commodity Charge \$8.47 \(\frac{\$7.92}{2} \) thousand gallons

Commercial

Customer Charge \$1,067.14 \$997.54/ quarter Commodity Charge \$4.93 \$4.61/ thousand gallons

Large Commercial/Industrial

Customer Charge \$1,646.11 \$1,538.75/ quarter Commodity Charge \$3.94 \$3.68/ thousand gallons

Schedule V Sewer Charges – Outside City Rates

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge \$113.00 \(\frac{\$105.63}{} \) quarter

Commodity Charge \$16.95 \$15.84/ thousand gallons

Commercial

Customer Charge \$2,134.26 \$1,995.07/ quarter Commodity Charge \$9.83 \$9.19/ thousand gallons

Large Commercial/Industrial

Customer Charge \$3,292.22 \$3,077.51/ quarter Commodity Charge \$7.91 \$7.39/ thousand gallons

Schedule VI Sewer Charges – Wor-Wic Community College and Urban Service District Rates

Residential and Small Commercial

Minimum Charge \$84.75 **\$79.22**/ quarter

| Commodity Charge | \$12.72 \$11.89 / thousand gallons |
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| Commercial Customer Charge Commodity Charge | \$1,600.70 \$1,496.31 / quarter \$7.37 \$6.89 / thousand gallons |
| Large Commercial/Industrial Customer Charge Commodity Charge | \$2,469.15 \$2,308.12 / quarter \$5.94 \$5.55 / thousand gallons |

Schedule VII Sewer Charges – Sewer Only Customers

| | | | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly | |
|--|---|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | | In | Outside | Urban | |
| | | | City | City | Service | |
| Rate | Νι | imber of fixtures | Rate | Rate | District Rate | |
| | 1 | One to two fixtures | \$72.25 | \$144.51 | \$108.39 | |
| | | | \$67.54 | <u>\$135.08</u> | <u>\$101.32</u> | |
| | 2 | Three to five fixtures | \$108.39 | \$216.78 | \$162.58 | |
| | | | \$101.32 | <u>\$202.64</u> | <u>\$151.97</u> | |
| | 3 | Six to twenty fixtures | \$155.78 | \$311.55 | \$233.66 | |
| | | | <u>\$145.62</u> | <u>\$291.23</u> | <u>\$218.42</u> | |
| | | | | | | |
| For every five fixtures over twenty | | \$64.24 | \$128.47 | \$ 96.35 | | |
| | | | <u>\$60.05</u> | <u>\$120.09</u> | <u>\$ 90.06</u> | |
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| Schedule VIII Commercial and Industrial Activities | | | | | | |
| | | | | Annual | Annual | |
| | | | | In City | Outside | |
| | | | | Rate | City Rate | |
| | 1) | For each fire service | | \$373 | \$746 | |
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| | 2) For each standby operational service | | \$373 | \$746 | | |

B. Definitions:

Residential and Small Commercial Customers – These customers have average water utilization of less than 300,000 gallons in a quarter.

 $Commercial\ Customers-These\ customers\ have\ average\ water\ utilization\ of\ 300,000\ gallons\ to\ 600,000\ gallons\ per\ quarter.$

Large Commercial/Industrial – These customers have average water utilization over 600,000 gallons per quarter.

Average Water Utilization Per Quarter – This will be based on annual consumption divided by 4 to get average quarterly water utilization.

C. Calculation of Bills:

For Residential and Small Commercial Customers – The minimum charge for both water and sewer will apply if water service is turned on at the water meter and usage is 0-6,000 gallons per quarter. Only the City can turn a meter on and off. For usage of 7,000 gallons and above, the commodity charge will be applied for each 1,000 gallons used and the minimum charge will not be applied.

For Commercial and Large Commercial/Industrial Customers – Every quarterly bill will receive a customer charge for both water and sewer. Then for each thousand gallons used the appropriate commodity charge will be applied.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED that this Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the City Council held on 24 day of April, 2017 and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 12 day of June, 2017 and is to become effective with bills dated October 1, 2017 and after.

ATTEST.

Kimberly R. Nichols, City-Clerk

John R. Heath, President Salisbury City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS 13 day of June, 2017.

Jacob R. Day, Mayor By