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AN ORDINANCE NO. BR2024-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24-3 ("WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO INCREASE THE SURCHARGE TO BE PAID BY APPLICANTS FOR WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICES AT A LOCATION NOT PRESENTLY SERVED OR FOR EXPANDED SERVICES TO A SITE PRESENTLY BEING SERVED; TO INCREASE THE TAPS FOR WATER AND SEWER AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 24 ("Utilities"), Article III ("Water Service") and Article IV ("Sanitary Sewerage") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia ("Code") provide generally for the provision of water and sanitary sewer service within the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 24 ("Utilities"), Article III ("Water Service") and Article IV ("Sanitary Sewerage") of the Code confer upon the City Council the authority to establish the fees for new taps and service connections as well as the rates for water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously established a "Water & Sewer Service Improvement Account," the purpose of which was to pay the costs and expenses for repairing, improving, and upgrading portions of the City's water and sanitary sewer system deemed inadequate to provide new or expanded service; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously (by and through the adoption of Ordinance Amendment No. 2015-09-08) established a surcharge to be paid by applicants for water and/or sewer service at a location not presently served or for expanded service to locations presently served, in addition to the usual application and connection fees; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the "Water & Sewer Service Improvement Account" is now codified as Section 24-3 ("Water and Sewer Service Improvement Account") of the Code; and

WHEREAS, with the increasing costs to construct new or expanded water and sanitary sewer infrastructure and increased costs associated for water and sewer taps, the Mayor and City Council find it in the public interest to increase the surcharges associated with providing new and expanded water and sanitary sewer services and increase the water and sewer tap fees; and

SECTION 4.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon its passage by the City Council.

SO ORDAINED this 20 day of February 2024.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BLUE RIDGE



Mayor, City of Blue Ridge



Clerk, City of Blue Ridge

