

**ORDINANCE NO. 11 - 2022**  
**CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING  
CHAPTER 86, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
REGARDING UTILITY CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 86, Article II of the City of Pascagoula’s Code of Ordinances establishes requirements in relation to utility rates and charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Mississippi Code Section 21-27-23 authorizes municipalities to establish rates and charges in relation to utility services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pascagoula desires to reduce the charges it imposes for utility lock offs to make said charges more comparable to neighboring cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pascagoula further desires to remove language from the Code of Ordinances regarding gas charges, as the City no longer operates a gas system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula hereby amends Chapter 86, Article II.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA AS FOLLOWS<sup>1</sup>:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 86, Article II, Section 86-49(c) is hereby repealed and replaced with “Reserved.”

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 86, Article II, Section 86-49(f) is hereby amended as follows:

*Trip charges.* There will be a trip charge incurred for each service call. The charge will apply to each trip made by a utility employee. The following is a partial list of actions that will result in this charge being incurred:

~~Lock off service for nonpayment~~

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<sup>1</sup> Strikethrough notes deleted language. Underline notes new language.

Turn off water for customer repair

Reread meter (waived if billed reading was incorrect)

Sewer backup (waived if backup is due to city system)

Turn on water (Except to turn on water following lock off for nonpayment)

Locate water line

(1) Trip charge during normal work hours inside city limits: \$50.00

(2) Trip charge during normal work hours outside of city limits: \$75.00

(3) Trip charge during nights, weekends, holidays or on overtime: \$100.00

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 86, Article II, Section 86-49(g) is hereby amended as follows:

*Lock Off Charges.* There shall be a charge in the amount of \$65.00 in the event of a lock off for nonpayment. As used in this subsection (g), the term “lock off” includes locking a water meter, turning water off, or leaving a notice at the property regarding nonpayment.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

The above Ordinance was introduced in writing by Councilman Fornett, seconded for adoption by Councilman Walker, and received the following vote: Mayor Willis voted “AYE”, Councilman Gatchell voted “AYE”, Councilman Hyde voted “AYE”, Councilman Fornett voted “AYE”, Councilman Walker “AYE”, Councilman Parker voted “AYE”, and Councilman Blythe voted “AYE”.

Passed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.

APPROVED:

/s/ Jay Willis  
Jay Willis, Mayor

/s/ Karen Kennedy  
Karen Kennedy, City Clerk