

TOWN OF SIMMESPORT

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ORDINANCE NUMBER: 03-2024-01

WHEREAS, The Town of Simmesport has commissioned a Water Rate Study to be conducted by the Louisiana Rural Water Association;

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Rural Water Association Water Rate Study provided a recommendation that the Town of Simmesport increase the rates charged for water as follows:

WHEREAS, The Town of Simmesport has been ordered into Fiscal Administration in accordance with La. 39:1351, *et. seq.* by the 12th Judicial District Court for Avoyelles Parish on or about January 12, 2024;

WHEREAS, the 12th Judicial District Court has appointed Mr. Joel Robideaux as the Fiscal Administrator for the Town of Simmesport;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Administrator, Mr. Joel Robideaux, has determined that the new water rates proposed by the Louisiana Rural Water Association Rate Study are reasonable, appropriate, and represent fair market value that customers should be charged for municipal water services;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Administrator, finding that the current rates charged for municipal water services are not sufficient to meet the fair market value for these services.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Administrator does now recommend to the Town Council for the Town of Simmesport that an ordinance be presented, heard, and ultimately passed increasing the rates charged for municipal water services by the Town of Simmesport as proposed herein.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Town Council for the Town of Simmesport on recommendation and suggestion of the Fiscal Administrator, Mr. Joel Robideaux, based on the Water Rate Study commissioned and performed by the Louisiana Rural Water Association does introduce the attached ordinance to increase the rates charged by the Town of Simmesport for municipal water services to the proposed rate as follows:

	Current		Proposed
Residential			
Monthly Minimum (including first 2,000 gallons)	\$ 19.50	To	\$ 19.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 1.50	To	\$ 3.50
Commercial			
Monthly Minimum (including first 2,000 gallons)	\$ 19.50	To	\$ 19.50
Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 1.50		\$ 3.50
Special Accounts		To	Proposed
<i>Shenandoah Apartments</i>			
Commercial Rates Not Applicable - Flat Rate	\$ 742.00	To	\$ 742.00
<i>Scallan Apartments</i>			
Commercial Rates Not Applicable - Flat Rate	\$ 1,205.18	To	\$ 1,205.18
<i>Simmesport Square Apartments</i>			
Commercial Rates Not Applicable - Flat Rate	\$ 1,205.18	To	\$ 1,205.18

FURTHER, BE RESOLVED that a public hearing to discuss the proposed ordinance be scheduled and held on the 15th day of April, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in the meeting room of the Town Council of the Town of Simmesport at the Simmesport Town Hall at 372 Mission Drive, Simmesport, Louisiana 71369.

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FURTHER, BE RESOLVED that notice of this Ordinance and the Public Hearing shall be published in the Official Journal of the Town of Simmesport in accordance with La R.S. 33:406.

Be it further ordained, that a public hearing having been duly held on the ____ day of _____, 2024, the title read, and the ordinance considered, on motion by **Alderman** _____, seconded by **Alderman** _____, a record vote was had as follows:

Council Member	Yea	Nea	Abstain	Absent
Glenn Gautreaux	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tiesha Kennedy	_____	_____	_____	_____
Patrick Wright	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sherman Bell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Romaro Turner	_____	_____	_____	_____

Ordained this ____ day of _____, 2024, at a duly called and announced meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Simmesport, at which a quorum was present and the vote of the Board of Aldermen recorded above.

ATTEST:

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Honorable Leslie Draper, III
Mayor

Honorable Jalesia Batiste
Town Clerk