

RESOLUTION

On the 17th day of August, 2026, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Salem Water Users Public Water Authority of the State of Arkansas ("Salem Water") following the duly-called, announced and publicized public hearing, of which notice was provided at least ten days in advance, held at 6:00 PM at the Benton Events Center, 17322 I-30 W., Benton, Arkansas 72019, the following Resolution was so moved, passed by a unanimous vote of the Board and adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS Salem Water has caused a Rate Study to be performed in accordance with Act 605 of 2021, codified at A.C.A. § 4-234-801 et seq., and such Rate Study indicated a need to adjust water rates to meet costs of administration and maintenance, of purchase of water, of bonded debt obligations, with appropriate and required set-asides for future maintenance needs, and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, from the options presented based on the data provided by Salem Water's accountants, managers, and such Rate Study, Salem Water has chosen that option that impacts its customers that use the smallest amount of water the least, and has elected to provide for automatic annual increases in rates in accord with inflation indexes,

WHEREAS, upon such data, the Board of Directors of Salem Water has determined that the base charge for service, including the first two thousand gallons of water, is hereby set as of 2026-2027 at \$28.03, and additional water delivered shall be charged in one thousand gallon increments of \$11.10 each, without modification of any other taxes, charges, or Avilla debt infrastructure surcharges.

NOW THEREFORE,

It having been moved, seconded and unanimously resolved by the Board as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that base charge for service, including the first two thousand gallons of water, is hereby set as of 2026-2027 at \$28.03, and additional water delivered shall be charged in one thousand gallon increments of \$11.10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these charges for base service and volumetric charges thereafter shall be automatically reset each December, and effective January 1 of each following year, reflecting adjustment by that change in the officially-released records of the annual consumer price index, measured year-over-year as of the immediately-preceding October data.


Dickie Kentner, President


Chris Apple, Secretary