

ORDINANCE 2020 - 42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 22-8 AND 28-21 RELATING TO THE USE OF SEWERS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, meeting in regular session, makes the following findings of fact and enacts the following provisions:

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes the need to provide for the maintenance of the sanitary sewer and storm sewer system used by the residents and citizens of the City of Searcy, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council finds that, in light of the need to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens, an emergency exists requiring the immediate enforcement of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Searcy City Council adopts the following amendment to the Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. Section 22-8(a) of the Searcy Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

“22-8. Sanitary Sewers -- Regulations

- a. The sewage system of the City of Searcy, including collection, treatment facilities, operation and equipment, and the authority of the Board of Public Utilities relative to said sewage system shall be as prescribed in the Specification Requirements for Sanitary Sewers as adopted by the City Council by Ordinance No. 598, as amended, and as may be amended from time to time; provided, however that the provisions of Ordinance No. 598 may be modified from time to time by the operator of the sewer system in and for the City of Searcy and any such modification shall be provided to the City Clerk for the City of Searcy, three copies of which shall be maintained in the records of the City of Searcy.”

Section 2. Section 28-21 of the Searcy Code of Ordinances is amended to add section (k) which shall read as follows:

“28-22. Use of the Public Sewers.

- k. When an existing building sewer is to be abandoned for any reason, it shall be sealed to prevent the entrance of water or debris into the sewer system. The seal shall be placed at the property line or as authorized by the manager of the sewer system operated in the City of Searcy. The line

shall be sealed and inspected by Searcy Water Utilities prior to the demolition of any structure.”

Section 3. The provision of this ordinance are separable and, upon any finding that any provision of this ordinance is unenforceable, the remaining provision shall be enforceable according to their terms.

Section 4. All ordinances, resolution or other acts of the City in conflict with the terms hereof are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Emergency Clause. The Searcy City Council has determined that an emergency exists and that the immediate adoption and enforcement of this ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the provisions hereof shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2020.

The City of Searcy, Arkansas

By: /s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy

Attest

/s/ Jerry Morris
Searcy City Clerk-Treasurer