ORDINANCE NO. 0-76-1

AN ORDIANCE SPECIFYING THE PURPOSE OF FIRE HYDRANTS: RESTRICTING THEIR USAGE: AND SPECIFYING FINES FOR THEIR UNLAWFUL USAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Conway owns a water supply system providing a domestic water supply to the City of Conway, Arkansas and certain areas of its environs, and,

WHEREAS, said water system is designed to provide a fire flow capability, and,

WHEREAS, said water system has attached to it appurtenances known as fire hydrants for the purpose of supplying fire flows for the use of the Conway Fire Department in extinguishing fires, and,

WHEREAS, said fire hydrants provide an easy and convenient means for removing large quantities of water from said water system for purposes other than extinguishing fires, and,

WHEREAS, certain expertise in the operation of fire hydrants is necessary to safeguard the water system from damage by improper operation of fire hydrants, and,

WHEREAS, the water department must have reasonable accounting for all water taken from the City of Conway Water System:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

That it shall be unlawful for any person, except employees of the City of Conway, the Conway Corporation while they are engaged in a normal course of their employment and those persons who have written authorization from the
Conway Corporation to remove water from the Conway Water System through any appurtenance designed for the purpose of fire fighting including, but not limited to, fire hydrants and sprinkler system blowoff valves. All water so taken through fire hydrants and blowoff valves shall be measured through a meter provided by the Water Department. Other methods of measuring water may be used provided, however, said measuring system shall be approved and accepted by the Conway Corporation for accounting purposes.

Any person or persons found to be in violation of this ordinance will be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than $25.00 or more than $100.00 plus any costs of damages caused to the water system, or any part thereof by the unlawful act.

Each and every violation of this ordinance shall be considered a separate offense even if perpetuated by the same person more than one time in the same day.

The City Council hereby ascertains and declares that there is immediate need for the adoption of this ordinance in order to protect the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Conway, and that therefore an emergency exists and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.


ATTESTED: John A. Hoggard

APPROVED: Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer