

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE #186-2020-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WATER UTILITY BOARD OF HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 119-2015-10 created the Water and Sewer Department of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Government (the Department) and established a separate board to operate the Department's water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities, powers and duties of the separate board created in Ordinance No. 119-2015-10 need to be further defined, clarified and amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION that Hartsville/Trousdale County Water Utility Board be created and operate as follows:

SECTION 1.

- (a) The power and authority to construct, purchase, improve, operate and maintain the water and sewer systems of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Government is vested in the Hartsville/Trousdale County Water Utility Board (the Water Utility Board). The Water Utility Board will take all steps necessary for the proper operation of the water and sewer systems of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Government (County Government) and the collection of rates, fees, and charges for services rendered, subject only to the limitation of funds collected for these services.
- (b) The Water Utility Board shall have six (6) members, being the County Mayor, the Chairman of the County Commission (or the Chairman Pro-Tempore shall serve if the County Mayor is also the County Commission Chairman) and four (4) at-large members who are not members of the County Commission. The four (4) at-large board members shall be appointed by the County Mayor and shall be confirmed by the County Commission. The at-large board members will serve four-year terms which begin January 1.
- (c) Vacancies caused by the resignation, death or disability of at-large board members shall be filled by appointment of the County Mayor and confirmation by the County Commission for the unexpired term of the appointee's predecessor.
- (d) The board members shall be compensated the amount of \$50.00 for each board meeting attended. This amount can only be changed upon the approval of the County Commission.
- (e) The Water Utility Board will elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the board upon its first regular board meeting after January 1 of each year.
- (f) The Water Utility Board will hold its regular monthly board meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The Water Utility Board or the Chairman may change the date, time, and place for the regular monthly board meeting.
- (g) Special meetings of the Water Utility Board shall be called by the Chairman. The Chairman shall fix the time, date, and place for a special meeting, and notice of such meeting shall be given to all board members stating the purpose for which the meeting is called.
- (h) The Water Utility Board will approve its annual budget for the County Government's water and sewer department in accordance with statutes and/or ordinances adopted by the County Government.

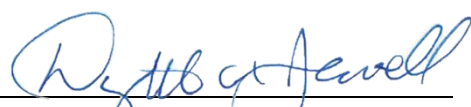
- (i) The Water Utility Board shall establish the rates, fees, and charges for water and sewer services. The rates, fees and charges will ensure that the water and sewer systems remain self-supporting as required by Section 7-34-115 of Tennessee Code Annotated.
- (j) The Water Utility Board has the power to make any and all contracts as necessary or convenient for the full exercise of the powers granted to the board.
- (k) The Water Utility Board will make and adopt all rules, regulations and bylaws as it deems proper in the operation of the County Government's water and sewer systems and in the conduct of the affairs of the board.
- (l) The Water Utility Board has the power to employ such engineers, attorneys, accountants and other consultants as it deems proper and necessary for the operation of the County Government's water and sewer systems.
- (m) The Water Utility Board shall appoint a General Manager who is qualified by training and experience to supervise, manage, and oversee the acquisition, improvement, operation and management of the County Government's water and sewer department. The Water Utility Board will fix the salary of the General Manager subject to the approval of such salary in the annual budget approved by the County Commission. The General Manager shall serve at the pleasure of the Water Utility Board. The General Manager shall be in charge of the acquisition, improvement, operation and management of the water and sewer department in accordance with all rules, regulations, programs, plans and decisions made or adopted by the Water Utility Board.
- (n) The General Manager shall appoint all employees and fix their duties as necessary for the management and operation of the County Government's water and sewer department. The General Manager will fix the compensation of the employees of the County Government's water and sewer department.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage upon final reading by the County Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Recommend by the Water Utility Board on December 17, 2019.

First Reading:	<u>January 27, 2020</u>	1M <u>Coy Dickey</u>	Voice Vote	Absent <u>0</u>	<u>PASSED</u>
		2m <u>Gary Walsh</u>			
Second Reading:	<u>February 24, 2020</u>	1M <u>Grace Thomas</u>	Voice Vote	Absent <u>0</u>	<u>PASSED</u>
		2m <u>Gary Walsh</u>			

Approved:


 Dwight Jewell, Comm Chairman

Approved:


 Stephen Chambers, Mayor

Attest:


 Rita Crowder, County Clerk