#### ORDINANCE NO. 389

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY,
FLORIDA, INCREASING CITY OF BONIFAY MINIMUM
UTILITY (WATER AND SEWER) RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN
ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR CITY OF BONIFAY
MINIMUM UTILITY RATES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City Charter for the City of Bonifay, Florida, was adopted by referendum on January 15, 1991, and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1.01, of the City Charter of the City of Bonifay, Florida, empowers and enables the City of Bonifay to conduct municipal services, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, has determined that rate increases are necessary for certain municipal services in order for the City of Bonifay, Florida, to continue to adequately and properly conduct and supply said services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida that the following minimum rate for City of Bonifay Utility (Water and Sewer) services are hereby established:

#### FEE TYPE

## **AMOUNT**

## WATER (monthly rate)

Residential (within City limits) Residential (outside City limits) Commercial (within City limits) Commercial (outside City limits)	\$11.00 per 2,000 gal. or less \$16.23 per 2,000 gal. or less \$14.30 per 2,000 gal. or less \$17.05 per 2,000 gal. or less
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<sup>\*\*</sup>There will be an additional charge of \$2.00 (per 1,000 gal.) for any additional water usage over and above 2,000 gal.\*\*

# SEWER (monthly rate)

Residential (within City limits) Residential (outside City limits) Commercial (within City limits) Commercial (outside City limits)	\$29.70 per 5,000 gal. or less \$38.50 per 5,000 gal. or less \$40.70 per 5,000 gal. or less \$47.52 per 5,000 gal. or less
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\*\*There will be an additional \$3.00 (per 1,000 gallon) for any additional sewer usage over and above 5,000 gallons.\*\*

Some businesses are billed by the number of commodes. For example – the courthouse, motels, hospitals, shirt factories, D.C.F., schools. These rates will be decided by the City Council.

**AUTOMATIC INCREASE PER YEAR:** In addition to the above describe rate increase, the rates will automatically increase by 3% per year for the next three years from the effective date this ordinance become effective. At the end of the three years the Council will revisit the utility rates at that time.

**SEVERABILITY**: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held, for any reason, to be unconstitutional. Void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**: All Ordinances and all sections or parts of sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bonifay, Florida, in conflict herewith are repealed. All Ordinances and all sections or parts of sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bonifay, Florida, not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**: This Ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2014.

FIRST READING in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, on the <u>28th</u> day of July, 2014.

**PASSES AND ADOPTED** in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida, after due notice, publication, and second reading on the 11th day of August, 2014.

CITY OF BONIFAY

Lawrence Cloud - Mayor

**ATTEST** 

City Clerk Jeri Gibson