

First Read: Regular Meeting: July 13, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 08

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS,
AUTHORIZING RECORDER-TREASURER
TO PAY CERTAIN MONTHLY EXPENSES
BY AUTOMATIC DRAFT;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The City of Fairfield Bay has had on-going review of its Budget and payment processes for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, The Recorder-Treasurer asks the City to authorize payment of municipal utility bills and the monthly bills for the city's lease-maintenance agreement(s) for photocopiers by automatic bank draft;

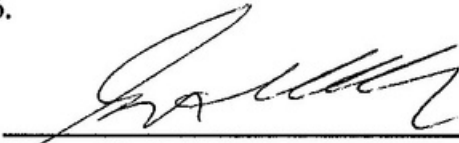
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, that:

1. **Findings and Conclusions:** The City Council for the City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, hereby finds and concludes that the City's payment of monthly utility bills, and the monthly payments for the City's lease-maintenance agreements for photocopiers, are recurring payments, regularly due within very tight time frames, and for amounts that vary from month to month as a result in variations in usage. Timely payment of these types of bills (utilities such as water, sewer, and electricity), as well as the lease-maintenance agreement for the city's photocopiers, is a necessity for the City, and further that payment by mail may be too slow to avoid late payment penalties (and interest) for these monthly obligations. The request of the Recorder-Treasurer is well founded.
2. **Authorization:** The City of Fairfield Bay hereby authorizes the Recorder-Treasurer to pay the City's utility bills, and the City's regular bills for lease-maintenance of the City's photocopiers, by using an automatic drafting process with the City's bank. The Recorder-Treasurer shall follow all requirements and recommendations of the Arkansas Legislative Auditor concerning these processes.
3. **NOT TO BE CODIFIED IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE:** This authorization, and this Ordinance, shall not be codified in the Municipal Code for the City of Fairfield Bay. The Recorder-Treasurer shall report annually to the City Council Budget

Committee (or any successor committee, if any), during the budget process, whether there are any issues, concerns, or adjustments needed to this authorization.

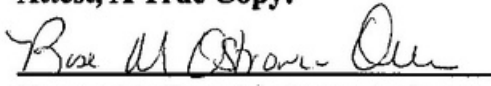
4. **NOT TO BE CODIFIED: EMERGENCY CLAUSE:** Because of the potential danger to public peace, health, safety, and welfare that may result from any delay in payment of certain regular monthly bills, including imposition of late charges and interest, AN EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED TO EXIST, and this Ordinance being necessary for the peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the City and its Citizens, **IT SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT immediately upon and after its passage.**
5. **NOT TO BE CODIFIED: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof, to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance, which shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

PASSED, ORDAINED, AND APPROVED by the City Council for the City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, on this 13th day of July, 2026.



Honorable Seth J. Connell, Mayor
City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas

Attest, A True Copy:



Honorable Rose M. Ostronic Owen,
Recorder-Treasurer

Prepared: A.J. Kelly,
City Attorney
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