## ORDINANCE NO. 502

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 427, 153, 438 277, 152, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, INCREASING FRANCHISE FEES FOR ALL PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES, AND CABLE COMPANIES, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the City of Barling, Arkansas has determined there is a need to update and increase franchise fees previously assessed by the City of Barling; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 427, 153, 438,277, 152, and all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended to reflect that there shall be charged for all public utility companies and cable companies, a franchise fee made payable to the City of Barling in the amount of 4.25% of total gross receipts, collected within the corporate limits of the City payable as per the terms of the above ordinances, This Ordinance will effect the utility companies as mentioned above with the exclusion of any water and sanitation utilities charged by the City of Barling.

SECTION 2: This ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication and passing.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Mayor Greg Murray

ATTEST:

City Clerk Florene Brown