

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE O-2024-13**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES ABUTTING ON STREETS TO KEEP THE STREET GUTTERS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES ALONGSIDE, IN FRONT, OR TO THE REAR OF THEIR PREMISES CLEAR OF ALL MATTER PREVENTING THE FREE FLOW OF WATER THEREIN AND PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTION TO SUCH FLOW, PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW, LET IT BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD:

SECTION 1: That the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of any block or lot or part of block or lot in the City of Ward, Arkansas, abutting on any gutter of any street, or in which a drainage ditch lies in front, beside or behind said block or lot, within the city limits of Ward, Arkansas, shall be and are hereby required to reasonably keep said gutter(s) and/or drainage ditch(s) upon which the premises owned or occupied by them may abut, clean and clear of all obstruction to the free flow of water therein, and any and all person are hereby prohibited from intentionally depositing or permitting any deposit in any street, gutter(s) or drainage ditch(s) of said city, any matter or thing what will obstruct or cause to be obstructed the free flow water therein, provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to apply to obstructions caused by the natural flow of water or other act of nature.

SECTION 2: Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished upon conviction in any sum not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

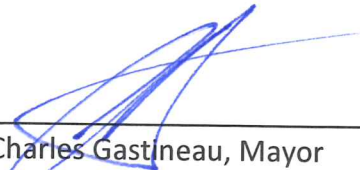
SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY CLAUSE: The Governing Body of the City of Ward believes for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of the passage.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON June 18, 2024.

Brooke No, Chapman Yes, Hall Yes, Hefner No, McMinn Yes, Ruble Yes


YEAS: 4 **NAYS:** 2 Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

