

ORDINANCE NO.: 2022-059

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-152 Sewer plant expansion fee

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 21st day of June, 2022, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-152 Sewer plant expansion fee is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-152. - Sewer Capacity fee.

Amount. In addition to those fees established and required by section 23-148, a sewer capacity fee shall be required to be paid prior to each sewer service connection to offset the cost of constructing increased sewer treatment plant and sewer collection system capacity or capital expenditures to retain current system capacity in accordance with the capital improvement plan of the City of Columbia. The costs of construction or expenditures to retain current system capacity shall include design and engineering costs, materials, labor and debt service on any bonds which may be issued to provide the intended plant capacity increase. The amount of the capacity fee for each connection shall be computed by multiplying the number of taps required for each application in accordance with section 23-148 times \$2,640.00. One tap or one equivalent residential unit (ERU) is equivalent to 400 GPD for purposes of calculating capacity fees. Taps may be proportioned to the nearest tenth after the first whole tap for the purposes of calculating capacity fees. Applicants with estimated wastewater discharges of 300,000 GPD or greater shall be calculated as described in this section up to 300,000 GPD with an addition of \$1.00 per gallon for every gallon per day greater than 300,000.

For a property that is being redeveloped where water/wastewater service already exists, credit will be applied to the sewer plant expansion capacity fee based on existing water meter size. For existing commercial accounts with water meters that are smaller than 4-inch in size, no sewer plant capacity fee will be charged when there is a change in use but no increase in meter size. For existing commercial accounts with water meters smaller than 4-inch in size where an increase in meter size occurs due to a change in use, the sewer capacity fee will be calculated by subtracting the ERU total associated with the existing water meter size from the ERU total associated with new water meter size, and multiplying that difference by the nominal value of one ERU. The following ERU factors shall be used for this calculation:

Water Meter Size (inch)	ERU Factor
0.75	1.0
1.0	1.67
1.5	3.33
2.0	5.33
3.0	10.67

The term “redeveloped” as used in this section means to make a new or different use of a property that has existing water and sewer service such that the new customer has an increased water demand that may or may not involve the need for a larger water meter.

Requested by:

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Approved as to form:

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Public Hearing:
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Gilda M. Hammond
City Clerk