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ORDINANCE NO.: 2023-059

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. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 20th day of June, 2023, 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. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b), are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum--300	3/4"	\$8.96	\$15.23
	1"	\$14.95	\$25.42
	1.5"	\$22.40	\$38.08
	2"	\$35.83	\$60.92
	3"	\$71.68	\$121.84
	4"	\$111.98	\$190.38
	6"	\$224.25	\$381.21
	8"	\$358.35	\$609.20
	10"	\$711.51	\$1,209.57

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category.

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
Next 9,700	\$3.21	\$5.47
Next 90,000	\$3.06	\$5.20
Over 100,000	\$2.90	\$4.90
Next 9,700	\$5.47	\$9.29
Next 90,000	\$5.20	\$8.84
Over 100,000	\$4.90	\$8.36
Next 9,700	\$3.06	\$5.20
Next 90,000	\$2.89	\$4.90
Next 1,120,000	\$2.70	\$4.61
Over 1,220,000	\$2.70	\$3.86

Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.

(a) Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	\$8.96	\$15.23
1	\$8.96	\$15.23
1½	\$8.96	\$15.23
2	\$14.33	\$24.36
3	\$28.67	\$48.72
4	\$44.79	\$76.14
6	\$89.59	\$152.30
8	\$143.61	\$243.67
10	\$223.98	\$380.75

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Each 100 cubic feet	\$4.65	\$7.92

(b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning. Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	\$14.52	\$18.48
1	\$20.49	\$27.05
1½	\$26.42	\$35.62
2	\$38.33	\$52.71
3	\$62.10	\$86.97
4	\$109.66	\$155.47
6	\$228.54	\$326.72
8	\$323.64	\$463.77
10	\$712.98	\$1,024.70

(c) Limitation on charge on single-family residences. Maximum sewer charge on single-family residences during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October will be 1,400 cubic feet.

(d) Apartments and trailer parks. Sewer rates for apartment buildings and trailer parks shall be the base rate of a single-family residence per dwelling unit plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

(e) Hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses. Sewer rates for hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses shall be one-half the base rate of a single-family residence per room plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

(f) Contaminated groundwater. Separate meters for discharges of contaminated groundwater are required. In city or out of city customers discharging contaminated ground water shall pay the out of city base monthly sewer service charge times one and one-half plus the out of city monthly sewer service charge for each 100 cubic feet times one and one-half.

(g) The monthly water and sewer rates as defined in this ordinance shall also increase in future years as follows:
Increase 5% Beginning July 1, 2024
Increase 5% Beginning July 1, 2025
Increase 5% Beginning July 1, 2026
Increase 5% Beginning July 1, 2027

This ordinance is effective as of July 1, 2023.

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Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

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Final Reading: 6/20/2023

Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk