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ORDINANCE NO.: 2024-032

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23 Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Stormwater Management, 23-205, Stormwater service charge rates

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 7th day of May, 2024, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article VII, Stormwater Management, Sec. 23-205, Stormwater service charge rates is amended to read as follows:

Article VII. – Stormwater Management

Sec. 23-205. Stormwater service charge rates.

(a) Stormwater service charge rates may be determined and modified from time to time by the Columbia City Council so that the total revenue generated by said charges and any other sources of revenues or other resources allocated to stormwater management by the city council to the stormwater management utility shall be sufficient to meet the cost of stormwater management services, systems, and facilities, including but not limited to the payment of principal and interest on debt obligations, operating expense, capital outlays, non-operating expense, provisions for prudent reserves, and other costs as deemed appropriate by the city council. The following stormwater service charge rates shall apply:

(1) *Detached single-family dwelling units.* Detached single-family dwelling units, as defined by this ordinance, shall be billed for one equivalent residential unit, as defined in this article.

(2) *Other developed lands.* All developed lands not classified as detached single-family dwelling units, as defined by this ordinance, shall be billed for one equivalent residential unit for each 2,454 square feet or fraction thereof of impervious area on the subject property provided, however, for any such developed land annexed into the City on and after the effective date of this ordinance, billing shall be prorated by an annually increasing 20% per year of the standard billing rate during the five-year period following the date of annexation, such that the first twelve billing cycles immediately following annexation are at 20% of the standard billing rate and the forty-ninth and subsequent billing cycles are at 100% of the standard billing rate. There will be no service charge for developed lands with fewer than 600 square feet of impervious area.

(b) The monthly stormwater service charge rate per equivalent residential unit, as defined in this ordinance, shall be:

\$11.80 Beginning July 1, 2017

\$12.54 Beginning July 1, 2018

\$13.32 Beginning July 1, 2019

\$14.15 Beginning July 1, 2021

\$15.03 Beginning July 1, 2024

(Ord. No. 2002-029, 6-19-02; Ord. No. 2008-044, 6-18-08; Ord. No. 2011-095, 12-20-11; Ord. No. 2012-045, 6-26-12; Ord. No. 2017-049, 6-20-17 ; Ord. No. 2020-046 , 6-16-20; Ord. No. 2022-048 , 8-2-22; Ord. No. 2023-066 , 6-20-23)

If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of final reading.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Shealy

Approved by:

Cheresa B. Kilson
City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

Introduced: 4/16/2024
Final Reading: 5/7/2024

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Mayor

ATTEST:
Luka D. Hammond
City Clerk