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**ORDINANCE NO.: 2022-095**

*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. 23-149 Sewer service rates*

WHEREAS, Ordinance No.: 2021-041 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 (a) and (b) was adopted on May 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Upon amending Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b), Sec. 23-149 (c) was inadvertently omitted in the codification and it is necessary to correct this scrivener's error as Council never repealed subsection (c); NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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. 23-149 Sewer service rates should read as follows:

**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
$\frac{5}{8}$	\$8.53	\$14.50
1	8.53	14.50
1½	8.53	14.50
2	13.65	23.20
3	27.30	46.40
4	42.66	72.51
6	85.32	145.05
8	136.77	232.07
10	213.31	362.62

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Each 100 cubic feet	\$4.43	\$7.54

(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
$\frac{5}{8}$	\$13.83	\$17.60
1	19.51	25.76
1½	25.16	33.92
2	36.50	50.20
3	59.14	82.83
4	104.44	148.07

6	217.66	311.16
8	308.23	441.69
10	679.03	975.90

(c) Surcharge for excess BOD or suspended solids. If any person discharges into the sanitary sewerage system a waste containing BOD concentration or suspended solids in excess of 300 milligrams per liter, then such person shall pay an additional cost according to rates determined by the city council. This monthly surcharge will be assessed on each pound of BOD and each pound of suspended solids in excess of 300 milligrams per liter as follows:

	BOD Rate	Suspended Solids Rate
Effective July 1, 1998	\$0.08	\$0.06
Effective July 1, 1999	0.11	0.08
Effective July 1, 2000	0.14	0.10
Effective July 1, 2001	0.17	0.12
Effective July 1, 2002	0.20	0.14

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g) 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.

This ordinance is effective as of July 1, 2021.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

Approved by:

Cheresa B. Wilson

City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

City Attorney

Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika D. Hammond

City Clerk

Introduced: 10/18/2022

Final Reading: 11/1/2022