

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-039**

*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 18th day of June, 2019, 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, 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"	8.12	13.81
	1"	13.56	23.05
	1.5"	20.31	34.53
	2"	32.49	55.24
	3"	65.00	110.49
	4"	101.55	172.63
	6"	203.35	345.69
	8"	324.96	552.43
	10"	645.21	1096.85

Additional charge per 100 cubic feet

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category.

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<b>Residential:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.91	4.96
Next 90,000	2.77	4.71
Over 100,000	2.62	4.45
<b>Irrigation:</b>		
Next 9,700	4.96	8.43
Next 90,000	4.71	8.02
Over 100,000	4.45	7.58
<b>All others:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.77	4.71
Next 90,000	2.62	4.45
Over 100,000	2.45	4.18

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**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	8.12	13.81
1	8.12	13.81
1½	8.12	13.81
2	13.00	22.09
3	25.99	44.18
4	40.62	69.04
6	81.24	138.11
8	129.99	220.97
10	203.10	345.27

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Each 100 cubic feet	4.22	7.18

(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	13.17	16.75
1	18.57	24.53
1½	23.96	32.30
2	34.75	47.80
3	56.31	78.87
4	99.44	140.99
6	207.25	296.30
8	293.48	420.55
10	646.54	929.21

(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

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- (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, 2019.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

  
Mayor

Approved by:

  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Public Hearing: 6/11/2019

Introduced: 6/11/2019

Final Reading: 6/18/2019