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ORDINANCE NO.: 2017-063

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. 23-145 Installation of water meters and cross connection control devices (a) Water meters to add (6) and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) Generally

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 1st day of August, 2017, 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. 23-145 Installation of water meters and cross connection control devices (a) Water meters, to add (6), and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) Generally, subject to the remainder of said section remaining the same, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-145. Installation of water meters and cross connection control devices.

(a) *Water meters.*

(1) Charges for water meter installation shall be:

| Meter Size (inches) | Installed by City Forces | Developer/Owner Installed |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ¾ | \$2,512.00 | \$1,062.00 |
| 1 | 3,468.00 | 2,018.00 |
| 1½ | 4,350.00 | 2,900.00 |
| 2 | 8,490.00 | 7,040.00 |
| 4 | 19,440.00 | 17,990.00 |
| 6 | 26,400.00 | 24,950.00 |
| 8 | 42,000.00 | 40,550.00 |
| 10 | 60,000.00 | 58,550.00 |

(2) Water meter boxes for meters four inches and larger shall be site-constructed to city specifications by the owner's contractor at the owner's expense.

(3) Separate meters for exterior surface irrigation without sewer service charges may be permitted for any property served by regular potable water service.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to use water through a water meter installed for irrigation for any purpose other than outside surface irrigation. Violation of this subsection shall result in immediate summary forfeiture of the irrigation meter and tap, in addition to penalties provided by this Code.

(5) The water meter installation fees for temporary construction meters shall be those specified in this section for permanent service of the same size. When the temporary construction meter is adequate to provide the permanent service desired, it may be converted to permanent service without payment of additional meter fees upon approval of the director of utilities and engineering. Such approval shall not be withheld when all other city requirements have been met.

(6) Non-residential water meters other than irrigation meters are subject to water and sewer charges in the City's sewer service area where sewer is available and provided to the property unless it is illustrated and proven to the City Engineer and/or the Director of Engineering that under no circumstance can the water provided through the meter discharge into the sanitary sewer system.

(b) *Cross connection control devices.*

(1) Dual checkvalves one inch in size and under shall be purchased and installed by the city water distribution division, the cost of which is included in the meter installation fee.

(2) Cross connection devices over one inch in size shall be purchased and installed by the owner.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to use water through a meter provided by the city without an appropriate approved cross connection control device being in place. Persons in violation of this subsection will

be given 30 days' written notice to have an approved backflow device installed, or water service will be discontinued. In those cases in which an approved backflow device has not been installed within the 30 days, water service will be discontinued and the water meter removed. No further water service will be provided until such time as an approved backflow device has been installed and an additional water meter installation fee has been paid.

Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.

(a) Generally. All measurement of sewer discharge is based on metered water consumption as described in this ordinance unless provided for in other sections of this ordinance. 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 | \$6.91 | \$11.75 |
| 1 | \$6.91 | \$11.75 |
| 1½ | \$6.91 | \$11.75 |
| 2 | \$11.06 | \$18.80 |
| 3 | \$22.12 | \$37.60 |
| 4 | \$34.57 | \$58.76 |
| 6 | \$69.13 | \$117.53 |
| 8 | \$110.62 | \$188.05 |
| 10 | \$172.84 | \$293.82 |

| Monthly Water Use (cubic feet) | Monthly Sewer Service Charge | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | In City | Out of City |
| Each 100 cubic feet | \$3.59 | \$6.11 |

Requested by:

Councilmember Rickenmann




Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney
Introduced: 7/18/2017
Final Reading: 8/1/2017

ATTEST:



City Clerk