

**ORDINANCE 01 – 2015
WATER & WASTEWATER SCHEDULE OF FEES**

AMEND ORDINANCE 03 – 2014 WATER & WASTEWATER SCHEDULE OF FEES TO INCREASE WATER BASE RATE FROM \$4.55/ERU TO \$7.15/ERU TO DECREASE DEBT SERVICE/ERU FROM \$6.55/ERU TO \$3.46/ERU AND MAINTAIN WATER RATE \$/1000 GALLONS FROM \$3.50 TO \$3.50

AMEND ORDINANCE 03-2014 WATER & WASTEWATER SCHEDULE OF FEES TO INCREASE WASTEWATER BASE RATE FROM \$5.46/ERU TO \$9.30/ERU TO INCREASE DEBT SERVICE/ERU FROM \$1.48/ERU TO \$5.86/ERU AND INCREASE MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATE \$/1000 GALLONS FROM \$4.20 TO \$4.55.

REFERENCE ORDINANCE 03-2010 UTILITIES TO REQUIRE MANDATORY CONNECTIONS TO TOWN WATER & SEWER SYSTEM UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS.

Section 1.

| Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Water | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Base Charge of \$7.15 per ERU* | | |
| Debt Service Charge of \$3.46 per ERU* | | |
| Quantity | \$/1000 gallons Reg. Customer | \$/1000 gallons for Prison |
| 1 - 2,000 gallons | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| 2,001 – 5,000 gallons | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| 5,001 – 10,000 gallons | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| 10,0001 – 20,000 gallons | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Over 20,000 gallons | 3.50 | 3.50 |

ERU = Equivalent Residential Unit

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| Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Wastewater | | |
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| Base Charge of \$9.30 per ERU* | | |
| Debt Service Charge of \$5.86 per ERU* | | |
| Quantity | \$/1000 gallons Reg. Customer | \$/1000 gallons for Prison |
| 1 - 2,000 gallons | 4.55 | 4.55 |
| 2,001 – 5,000 gallons | 4.55 | 4.55 |
| 5,001 – 10,000 gallons | 4.55 | 4.55 |
| 10,0001 – 20,000 gallons | 4.55 | 4.55 |
| Over 20,000 gallons | 4.55 | 4.55 |

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Section 2.

Debt Service

Any bond amount for water and wastewater projects funded by State Revolving Loan Program, USDA Rural Development and/or other revenue bonds including all engineering fees and set up fees shall be shown as a separate line item on the water and wastewater bill.

Overhead Sprinkler Systems

The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems installed in any facilities inside the town limits other than single family residences shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and two dollars (\$2.00) per additional one thousand (1,000) square feet. The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems in any facilities outside the town limits other than single family residences shall be thirty (\$30.00) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and three dollars (\$3.00) per additional one thousand (1,000) square feet.

Tap-In Fees

Water and wastewater tap-in fees shall be charged on the basis of residential units or equivalent residential units according to the tap-in fees listed hereinafter. Any fractional units resulting from the calculation of equivalent residential units shall be treated as a whole unit. In addition to the tap-in fees, installation fees shall be charged in accordance with schedules listed hereinafter. All fees and charges shall be paid by the customer or customers at whose request the connection is made. Under no circumstances shall water and/or wastewater tap fees be charged and under no circumstances shall water and/or wastewater taps be conducted by or on behalf of the Town according to the schedules listed herein when such costs exceed the charges listed herein unless and until the customer pays the

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true charges for said tap fees based upon such unusual circumstances that demand such true and correct charges.

Water tap-in fees shall be charged as follows:

Inside the town: Three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit.

Outside the town: Five hundred twenty five dollars (\$525.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit.

The water tap-in fee for connecting to water mains for irrigation purposes shall be as follows:

| | Inside | Outside |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Town Limits</u> | <u>Town Limits</u> |
| 3/4" Tap | \$ 350.00 | \$ 525.00 |
| 1" Tap | \$ 400.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| 1½" Tap | \$ 600.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| 2" Tap | \$ 900.00 | \$ 1,350.00 |

The water tap-in fee for connecting to water mains for fire protection purposes shall be as follows:

| | Inside | Outside |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Town Limits</u> | <u>Town Limits</u> |
| 2" Tap | \$ 600.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| 3" Tap | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 4" Tap | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 6" Tap | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 1,800.00 |
| 8" Tap | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 2,100.00 |
| 12" Tap | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 2,400.00 |

Sewer tap-in fees shall be charged as follows:

Inside the town: Four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit.

Outside the town: Six hundred seventy five dollars (\$675.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit.

Installation Fees

The Public Works Superintendent may authorize licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractor to install connections to water or wastewater facilities upon written application. Water meters shall be supplied to authorized licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractor at cost;

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all other related accessories for water or sewer connections may also be supplied. The Public Works Superintendent shall require payment of installation fees as listed herein or reimbursement of actual costs for any installations not specifically covered. All work done by other than Town personnel shall be done only under the supervision of licensed master plumbers or licensed utility contractor authorized by the Town to perform such work. The Public Works Superintendent shall require that all installations be performed in accordance with specifications and/or standards conforming to sound engineering practices; in the event that such installation is not made in accordance with specifications and/or standards, the Public Works Superintendent shall require the installation to be corrected or removed and reinstalled as necessary.

Water installation fees for making taps into the town water mains or water lines and installing water meters or providing water meters shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the town for all actual costs incurred in making such installations.

Sewer installation fees for making connections to the town sewerage system and installing service lines shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the town for all actual costs incurred in making such connections.

An inspection fee of one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00) for each water connection and one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00) for each sewer connection shall be charged when a licensed master plumber makes such connections.

Charges for any installation not covered in standard pricing shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

| Type | Basis | Rate |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Staging | Per installation | \$ 300.00 |
| Labor | Per hour | \$ 100.00 |
| Backhoe | Per hour | \$ 225.00 |
| Small Backhoe | Per hour | \$ 125.00 |
| Trencher | Per hour | \$ 75.00 |
| Dewatering Pump | Per hour | \$ 45.00 |
| Air compressor | Per hour | \$ 45.00 |
| Tap Water Main | Per inch of Tap diameter | \$ 100.00 |
| Miscellaneous | Actual Cost | ----- |

All hourly charges shall include travel time to and from the job location. Work performed outside regular business hours at the request of customers shall be charged at 150 % of the rates in the schedule. Miscellaneous charges shall include actual charges for equipment rented to perform the work. The above schedule shall also be used to calculate charges when Town staff or equipment is used on private facilities. The staging charge shall be used for construction but may be waived for other types of work at the discretion of the Public Works Superintendent.

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| New Account Establishment Fee | \$ 15.00 |
| Residential Meter Deposit (Refundable) | \$ 125.00 |
| Commercial Meter Deposit (Refundable) | \$ 215.00 |
| Late Fee Service Charge (10% of amount billed) | ----- |
| Returned Check Fee | \$ 35.00 |
| Locating Meter | \$ 40.00 |
| Transfer of Service Fee | \$ 50.00 |
| Special Utility Service (14 Calendar days) | \$ 50.00 |
| Turn-on/Turn off at Customer Request (No Homeowner Valve) – per Trip *** | \$ 40.00 |
| Turn-on/Turn off at Customer Request (Homeowner Valve) – per Trip | \$ 50.00 |
| After Hours Turn-on (Service application received after 4:00 pm) | \$ 60.00 |
| Emergency Call Out for Turn-on** | \$ 40.00 |
| Remove and Test Meter (If meter reads within manufactures specifications) | \$ 125.00 |
| Remove and Test Meter (If meter reads outside the manufacturers specifications) | \$ 0.00 |
| Turn-off for Delinquency | \$ 40.00 |
| Lock Meter for Delinquency | \$ 75.00 |
| Remove Meter for Delinquency | \$ 100.00 |
| Removal of Straight Line or Jumper | \$ 200.00 |
| Cut off Water at Main | \$ 350.00 |

** Fees apply when water cannot be left on during normally scheduled turn-on times.

*** Fee will not be assessed when the turn-on/turn/off is for the installation of a homeowner valve.

Deposits, Late Fees and Service Charges

In addition to all other charges, fees or penalties provided for in *Ordinance 03 – 2010 Utilities*, prior to commencement of water, wastewater, and/or garbage service, a consumer shall make a deposit with the town as provided for in the Schedule of Fees. Deposits shall be refundable only after service has been disconnected and all water bills, sewage bills, garbage bills, and other debts due to the town have been paid. Deposits shall remain in the custody of the town during continuation of service. In the event service is discontinued for more than sixty (60) calendar days, the deposit shall be applied to any indebtedness incurred by the consumer to the town. Service shall not be restored to the consumer, until the deposits shall have been reinstated and brought to the status of current deposits as indicated in the Schedule of Fees.

Each utility bill shall become due and payable by the 10th day of the following month. If bills are not paid by the 10th day of the following month, a ten (10) percent penalty shall be added on the 11th day of the month. If the bill is not paid by the 4th Monday of the month, the bill shall become delinquent and water service shall be discontinued. Water service shall remain discontinued until the user shall have paid all bills then in arrears, together with the 10% penalty, and a reconnection fee as established in the Schedule of Fees. Service may be restored after normal business hours for a service fee. The town will not accept partial payments.

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Payment of these fees shall not exempt any user from any civil or criminal action resulting from violations of the *Ordinance 03 – 2010 Utilities*.

Section 4.

Equivalent Residential Units

An Equivalent Residential Unit is that portion of a user's facility that has an impact on the water and wastewater system equivalent to a single family residence. The determination of a facility's equivalent residential units shall be based on estimated water consumption as shown in guidelines below or on square footage. Peak water consumption of three hundred (300) gallons per day or a floor space of three thousand (3,000) square feet, shall be the equivalent of one (1) residential unit.

The method which results in the greater number of equivalent residential units shall be applied. The standards in the table below shall be used in the determination of water consumption. If the table does not provide information for a particular application, the estimated water consumption shall be as calculated by the Public Works Superintendent in accordance with sound engineering practices using information available from South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or standard reference materials commonly used for estimating flows.

| <u>Type of Facility</u> | <u>Water Usage In Gallons Per Day</u> |
|--|---|
| Assembly Hall | 3 per seat |
| Barber Shop/Beauty Parlor | 125 per chair |
| Boarding House ** | 100 per room |
| Bowling Alley | 50 per lane |
| Church | |
| w/o Day Care or Kindergarten | 5 per seat |
| Correctional Institution | 300 per bed |
| Country Club, | |
| Recreation Facilities Only | 25 per member |
| Day Care Center, no meals | 15 per person |
| Dental Office | 100 per chair |
| Department Store | 25 per employee |
| Factory | |
| without showers | 25 per employee |
| with showers | 35 per employee |
| Food Service Establishments (toilets & kitchen) ** | |
| 1) Restaurants, | |
| up to 12 hours/day to 18 hours/day | 35 per seat |

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| 2) Restaurants, that use paper products only | 15 per seat |
| 3) Restaurants, above 18 hours /day | 50 per seat |
| 4) Bar and Cocktail Lounge | 30 per seat |
| 5) Drive-in Restaurant | 35 per car space |
| 6) Carryout Only | 35 per 100 sq. ft |
| plus | 15 per employee |
| Hospital | |
| 1) Inpatient | 300 per bed |
| 2) Outpatient | 300 per bed |
| Hotel, no kitchen | 100 per room |
| Kindergarten, no meals | 15 per person |
| Laundry, Commercial | 1000 per machine |
| Laundry, coin | 150 per machine |
| Lodges | 50 per bed |
| Mobile Home Park | 300 per site |
| Motel, no kitchen | 100 per room |
| Nursing Home | 100 per bed |
| Office | 25 per employee |
| Physician's Office | 200 per exam room |
| Prison | 300 per inmate |
| Schools: | |
| 1) Boarding | 100 per person |
| 2) Day, Restrooms Only | 12 per person |
| 3) Day, Restrooms, and Cafeteria | 16 per person |
| 4) Day, Restrooms, Gyms & Cafeteria | 20 per person |
| Service Stations serving Interstate: | |
| 1) Full Service | 425 + 150 per pump |
| 2) Fuel and Oil Only | 150 per pump |
| Service Stations serving other locations: | |
| 1) Full Service | 300 + 100 per pump |
| 2) Fuel and Oil Only | 100 per pump |
| Service Stations serving any locations: | |
| Car Wash | 500 per stall |
| | |
| Shopping Center | |
| (not including food service or laundry) | 10 per 100 sq. ft |
| Stadium | 2 per seat |
| Theater | 5 per seat |
| Travel Trailer Park: | |

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| 1) With Independent Water & Sewer Connection | 100 per site |
| 2) W/o Independent Water & Sewer Connection | 35 per site |
| Warehouse | 10 per 100 sq. ft |

**** Add 300 gallons per machine to amount indicated if laundry or dish washing machines are installed.**

In the event a facility is made up of more than one smaller component facility, the determination of equivalent residential units shall be calculated as the sum of all components' equivalent residential units.

Notwithstanding, in a case involving a site utilizing its own private water supply and distribution system to multiple locations resulting in the production of domestic type wastewater only, such as employee restrooms and showers, such that reading and maintenance of meters would create excessive costs and hardship in the judgment of the Public Works Superintendent, the Town may bill on flow estimates calculated on the basis of an average flow per employee times the average number of employees at such facility for the recovery of costs of transporting and treating the wastewater.

For any water meter used for purposes of irrigation only, the following table shall be used to determine Equivalent residential units for purposes of establishing fixed charges on monthly bills.

| | <u>ERUs</u> |
|----------|-------------|
| 3/4" Tap | 1 |
| 1" Tap | 2 |
| 1½" Tap | 4 |
| 2" Tap | 8 |

Section 3.

Charges for Miscellaneous Services

If any action taken by unauthorized persons inside a meter box causes damages to a curb stop or a cover or lock connected to a curb stop, the resident or customer responsible for the premises shall be charged a fee of \$150.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges.

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Section 5.

Water Leak Adjustments

The Water & Wastewater Commissioner shall be authorized to make equitable adjustments in billings one bill, one time, one location every twelve (12) months at the request of the customer. This adjustment does not apply to irrigation systems, toilets, water heaters, or any other plumbing inside the house. Any piping connected to the service line will not be considered for adjustment. Adjustments will be made at 50 percent of total water consumption; excluding the base rate.

Example: (Base rate) + 50% X Consumption = Adjusted Bill.

Sewer usage will be calculated using an average calculated from the three (3) months prior to billing adjustment month. If the leak period covers more than one billing period, the adjustment will be given on the current bill, after repairs have been made. Receipts from plumbers or other related contractors must be provided at the time the adjustment is requested along with a written statement of work performed. If the customer repairs the leak; the customer must provide receipts and a written explanation of all work performed. A field check will be made by town water & wastewater staff to verify that the leak was repaired and also to obtain a current meter reading. Reference: *ORDINANCE 03 – 2010 UTILITIES.*

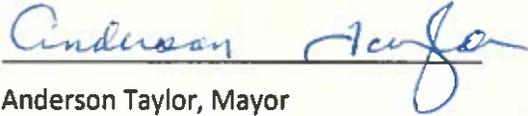
Section 6.

Mandatory Connections

Every existing habitable building and every future habitable building constructed within two hundred fifty (250) feet of any water main or sewer collection line shall be connected thereto and shall utilize the same for water services and wastewater collection services on said premises. Such connections shall be made by the property owner and at the property owner's expense within thirty (30) calendar days and for the purposes of the penal provisions hereof, each day after thirty (30) calendar days during which such building shall not be connected to such water main or sewer collection line shall be a separate offense and punishable by fine up to two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per day. Reference: *ORDINANCE 03 – 2010 UTILITIES.*

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ADOPTED the 24th day of June 2015


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