



ORDINANCE NO. 9 - 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 5-13-30(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina requires that a municipal council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and to levy taxes pursuant to public notice, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and the City of Abbeville Code of Ordinances, the City Manager is required to prepare and submit to the City Council a balanced budget for the fiscal year to begin on November 1, 2018, and end on October 31, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the City of Abbeville, in Council duly assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that taxes are hereby levied, and revenue estimates and appropriations are hereby established as set forth in the following Municipal Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning November 1, 2018 and ending October 31, 2019 (the "Ordinance").

Sec. 1. Budget Adoption. The City Council hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, incorporated by reference as though it were set out herein in its entirety, for the conduct of the business of the municipal government of the City of Abbeville, South Carolina, for the budget year beginning on November 1, 2018, and ending on October 31, 2019.

Sec. 2. Levy of taxes. For the support of general governmental functions of the City, an *ad valorem* tax to apply for the period November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019, both inclusive, for the sums and in the manner set forth as follows, is and shall be levied, collected, and paid into the treasury of the City of Abbeville, South Carolina, for the use and service thereof:

Tax Levy and Distribution (in mills)

Operations	
General Fund	105.52
Total Tax Levy (in mills)	<u>105.52</u>

Such tax is hereby levied upon the value of all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, as such property is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Sec. 3. Property Tax Credit Fund. Pursuant to Section 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, there is hereby established a Property Tax Credit Fund with a credit factor of 0.001767 to provide a credit against the property tax liability of the taxpayers of the City of Abbeville. Any fund balance will be applied to the future year property tax credits.

Sec. 4. Estimates of revenues and other financing sources, and establishment of appropriations.

A. The total operating revenues and expenditures for the fiscal period are estimated as follows:

	<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
General Fund	\$4,172,772.53	\$4,172,772.53
Solid Waste Fund	\$575,250	\$575,250
Hospitality Tax Fund	\$272,420	\$272,420
Enterprise Fund	\$13,007,010.67	\$13,007,010.67

B. Exceptions for Certain Funds.

Provisions of Existing Statutes, Ordinances, Contracts and Covenants. Where existing Statutes, Ordinances, Contracts and Covenants govern the use of funds accordingly to legislatively or contractually determined formulae, the estimates in this Ordinance are illustrative rather than controlling and appropriations of those funds will adjust according to the applicable provision of such Statutes, Ordinances, Contracts and Covenants.

Capital Project Appropriations. Governmental fund appropriations designated from previous appropriation ordinances shall remain in force for the life of the project and are accounted for in the General Capital Project Fund. Any net fund balance accumulation shall not lapse at October 31, 2019 with the exclusion of capital project appropriations that are designated as construction in progress.

Appropriations Established by Other Ordinances. Appropriations for capital expenditure or investment or for bond issuance costs or for the payment of annual installments of capitalized interest according to a predetermined schedule are made in the related Bond Ordinances. Nothing in this ordinance shall modify or amend the terms of any Bond Ordinance.

Sec. 7. *In accordance with Section 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the City Council levies, in addition to the current rate (or rollback millage if applicable) of 103.02 mills, an additional 2.5 mills which is less than or equal to that allowed by law.*

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Prior Year Operating Millage</i>	<i>Allowable Millage Increase</i>	<i>Millage Cap in Mills</i>	<i>Millage Bank Used</i>	<i>Millage Bank Balance</i>
<i>FY 2015-16</i>	<i>97.06 Mills</i>	<i>1.62%</i>	<i>1.57</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8.17</i>
<i>FY 2016-17</i>	<i>97.06 Mills</i>	<i>0.27%</i>	<i>0.26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8.43</i>
<i>FY 2017-18</i>	<i>95.44 Mills</i>	<i>1.26%</i>	<i>1.20</i>	<i>7.58</i>	<i>.85</i>
<i>FY 2018-19</i>	<i>103.02 Mills</i>	<i>2.13%</i>	<i>2.19</i>	<i>2.50</i>	<i>.54</i>

Sec. 6. Certain supplemental appropriations. *Any funds received during the fiscal year as a result of new grants awarded to the City and any increases in the appropriation of fund balances for grants from the City or appropriations of fund balance for Capital Projects approved by motion or resolution of City Council shall increase the original budget and shall not require a supplemental budget ordinance.*

Sec. 7. Administration of the budget. *The City Manager or his designee shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriations within the allotments heretofore established as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget provided however, that no such transfers shall be used to increase the total appropriation within any fund. The City Manager may execute all documents related to the lease purchase financing of equipment authorized in the 2019 Budget and shall have delegated authority to "assign" and "unassigned" fund balance which shall be intended for specific purposes.*

Sec. 8. Affirmation/amendment of various schedules of fees and charges.

- a. Electric, Water, and Sewer Utility fees and charges.** *The schedule of Electric, Water, and Sewer System rates, charges, and fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendices A-D.*
- b. Sanitation Fees and Charges.** *The schedule of sanitation fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendix E.*
- c. Facility Fees and Charges.** *The schedule of facility fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendix F.*
- d. Recreation Facilities Rental Fees.** *The schedule of facility fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendix G.*
- e. Animal Control Fees and Charges.** *The schedule of animal control service fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendix H.*

- f. **Fire Department Fees and.** *The schedule of fire department service fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendix I.*
- g. **MISC. Administration Fees.** *The schedule of administration fees is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference in Appendix J.*

Sec. 9. Enterprise Fund Transfer. *Utility enterprise fund transfer for revenues in lieu of a franchise fee, lost property taxes, and return on Investment. The enterprise fund transfer is set and budgeted at \$480,000 for FY 2019.*

Sec.10. Post-Retirement Benefits. *Retirees who are eligible under the City's retiree health insurance policy to receive group health insurance benefits from the City following their retirement from the City's employment will be responsible for any monthly premium expenses above \$405 per month. The premiums for any eligible dependents covered under a retiree's group health coverage will be paid by the retiree.*

Sec.11. Special Provision. *Rates of compensation for elected officials shall be as follows, provided that no increases in salary may become effective prior to the installation of elected officials following the next municipal election after the date of adoption hereof. This section shall survive the fiscal year ending October 31, 2019 and shall continue in effect until the rates of compensation shall be amended.*

<i>Office</i>	<i>Mayor</i>	<i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>	<i>Members of Council</i>
<i>Salary (per year)</i>	<i>\$7,442</i>	<i>\$5,955</i>	<i>\$5,209</i>

Sec.12. Validity of the Budget Ordinance. *If, for any reason, any sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.*

Sec.13. Conflicts with Preceding Ordinances. *Except as otherwise provided herein, with respect to any conflicts arising between this and other ordinances, this Ordinance shall prevail with respect to the conflicting sections.*

Sec. 14. Enactment. *This Ordinance shall take effect on November 1, 2018.*

Introduced By:

Councilman Jim Grant



Santana Delano Freeman
Mayor

First Reading: September 18, 2018


Second Reading: October 9, 2018

Attest:



Amber M. Price
City Clerk

Approval as to Form:



Tommy E. Hite, Jr., Heather Stone
Thomas E. Hite, III
City Attorney

APPENDIX A

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC

UTILITY ADMIN. CHARGES

Same day reconnection charge*	\$30.00
Reread meter fee- customer request	\$20.00
Meter Testing	\$30.00
Tampering Fee	\$200.00
Returned check fee	\$25.00
Late Fee-Service Charge	\$20.00
Late Fee-Penalty	5%

*Charged for connections/reconnections requested after 3pm

LAKE SECESSION CHARGES

Initial dock/wall permit application fee	\$100.00
Annual encroachment and inspection fee	\$50.00

APPENDIX B

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
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ELECTRIC UTILITY CHARGES

Residential Electric

Basic Facility Charge	\$13.96
First 1,000 kWh	.1187 + PPAC
Over 1,000 kWh	.1113 + PPAC

Residential Total Electric

Basic Facility Charge	\$13.96
First 1,000 kWh	.1178 + PPAC
Over 1,000 kWh	.0967 + PPAC

Small Commercial Electric

Basic Facility Charge	\$15.75
First 500 kWh	.1414 + PPAC
Next 700 kWh	.1628 + PPAC
Next 1,800 kWh	.1312 + PPAC
Next 4,000 kWh	.1200 + PPAC
Over 7,000 kWh	.0993 + PPAC

Commercial Demand Electric

Basic Facility Charge	\$16.64
All Energy	.07592 + PPAC
All Demand	13.00/kW

The PPCA will be calculated as follows:

$$PPCA = ((Pm+LF+Tu)/Sm) - \text{Base Rate}$$

PPAC = Purchased Power Cost Adjustment factor in dollars per kWh rounded to nearest one thousandth of a cent applicable to bills rendered during the current Billing Period.

Pm = Total estimated Applicable Purchased Power costs.

LF = Amount required each month of the estimated calendar year in order to bring each month's estimated purchased power cost to an equal cost/kWh. The total monthly levelization amounts for the full calendar year shall equal zero.

Sm = Energy sales, excluding lighting usage for the projected billing period.

Base Rate = \$0.07379

Tu = $[S_{n-2} \times (PPCA_{n-2} + \text{Base Rate})] - [(P_{n-2} + TU_{n-2})]$

Where:

- S_{n-2} = Total system sales (kWh) excluding street lights from second preceding month
- P_{n-2} = Actual Purchased Power Cost for the second preceding month, including the Levelization Factor
- $PPAC_{n-2}$ = Purchased Power Cost Adjustment factor in dollars per kWh rounded to nearest one thousandth of a cent applicable to bills rendered during the second preceding billing month
- TU_{n-2} = True-up for the second preceding billing month

Standard Lighting Service:

Light	Monthly Charge
SL1- 100 Watt- no pole	\$7.83
SL2- 100 Watt- with pole	\$8.89
SL3- 250 cobra- no pole	\$16.37
SL4- 250 cobra- with pole	\$17.89
FL1/MF1- 400 Watt Flood- no pole	\$26.46
FL2/MF2- 400 Watt Flood- with pole	\$28.26
FL3- 250 Watt Flood- no pole	\$19.30
FL4- 250 Watt Flood- with pole	\$21.06

Other Charges:

Electric Meter – Charge if damaged due to tampering	\$75.00
Surge Protector	\$50.00
Temporary Service Fee (Nonrefundable)	\$50.00
Single Phase OH Secondary or Primary – first 300 ft	0
Single Phase OH Secondary or Primary – all over 300 ft	\$6.00/ft
Single Phase UG Secondary	\$7.00/ft
Single Phase UG Primary	\$11.00/ft
Three Phase Service – Cost estimate prepared and accepted	
Customer Requested Change in Service – Cost estimate prepared and accepted	
Early Pay Discount by 10 th of each month – 4% of electric charges	
Early Pay Discount Senior Citizens by 10 th of each month – 6% of electric charges	

APPENDIX C

**FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC**

WATER UTILITY CHARGES

A. Monthly Basic Facilities Charges

Meter Size	AWWA Equivalency Factor	Inside City	Outside City
¾" Meter	1.0	\$14.44	\$26.00
1" Meter	2.5	\$36.10	\$64.98
1 ½" Meter	5.0	\$72.20	\$129.97
2" Meter	8.0	\$115.52	\$207.95
3" Meter	16.0	\$231.05	\$415.89
4" Meter	25.0	\$350.50	\$649.83

B. Monthly Usage Rates

Volume	Inside City	Outside City
0 – 4,000 Gallons	\$2.98 per 1,000	\$5.36 per 1,000
4,001 – 8,000 Gallons	\$3.44 per 1,000	\$6.19 per 1,000
Over 8,001 Gallons	\$3.82 per 1,000	\$6.87 per 1,000

C. Other Service Rates

Rate Schedule	Per Thousand Gallons
MW	\$1.84
DDW	\$2.12
CFW	\$2.25
PW	\$4.27

D. Other Charges

1. Water Tapping Fee

Meter Size	Inside City	Outside City
5/8" x 3/4"	\$440.00	\$740.00
1" x 1"	\$540.00	\$840.00
1 ½" x 1 ½"	\$680.00	\$940.00
Over 1 ½"	\$700.00	\$1050.00

2. Private Fire Connection Fee – Annual Charge

Connection Size	Inside City	Outside City
4"	\$25.00	\$37.50
6"	\$100.00	\$150.00
8"	\$200.00	\$300.00
10"	\$350.00	\$450.00
12"	\$400.00	\$600.00

3. Water Plant Services

Lab- Bacteria Sample	\$25.00
Private Water Hauler	
Base Charge	\$15.00
Per 1,000 gals	\$3.00

APPENDIX D

**FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
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SEWER UTILITY CHARGES

A. Monthly Basic Facilities Charge

Meter Size	AWWA Equivalency Factor	Inside City	Outside City
¾" Meter	1.0	\$14.58	\$26.25
1" Meter	2.5	\$36.46	\$65.61
1 ½" Meter	5.0	\$72.92	\$131.23
2" Meter	8.0	\$116.68	\$209.99
3" Meter	16.0	\$233.36	\$419.97
4" Meter	25.0	\$364.62	\$656.22
6" Meter	50.0	\$729.24	\$1,261.94
8" Meter	80.0	\$1,166.78	\$2,099.86

B. Monthly Usage Rates

Volume	Inside City	Outside City
0 – 4,000 Gallons	\$3.88 per 1,000	\$6.97 per 1,000
4,001 – 8,000 Gallons	\$4.43 per 1,000	\$7.97 per 1,000
Over 8,001 Gallons	\$4.82 per 1,000	\$8.66 per 1,000

C. Other Rates

- Maximum Monthly Residential Sewer Usage Charge - 12,000 Gallons**
- Schedule PS — Basic Facilities Charge per Table A**

Volume	Inside City
0 – 750,000 Gallons	\$4.90 per 1,000
Over 750,000 Gallons	\$3.83 per 1,000

D. Miscellaneous Charges

1. Sewer Tapping Fee

Connection Size	Inside City	Outside City
4"	\$500.00	\$675.00
6"	\$600.00	\$800.00
8"	\$800.00	\$1200.00

*If a 6" or 8" tap requires setting a manhole, the cost shall be the tap fee Plus actual labor and material cost.

2. Pretreatment Program Fees

User Fee	.35/1000 gals	
Administrative Fee	\$25.00/month	\$800.00
Surcharges For High Strength Waste		
	Threshold	Rate
BOD	300mg/l*	.30/lb.
COD	600mg/l*	.30/lb.
TSS	270mg/l	.30/lb.

*Customer will only be charges the greater of BOD and COD Charges

3. Waste-Water Plant Services

Septage Hauler Tipping Fee*	\$60.00/ load
Leachate	\$7.00/ 1000gals

*Septage waste only accepted at direction of Plant Superintendent

APPENDIX E

**FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
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SANITATION CHARGES

A. Residential Sanitation Charges

Rate (Per Month)	Inside City Limits
Regular Rate	\$15.70
Senior Rate	\$12.40

B. Multi-Family Complexes with Dumpster Service

1. Rate Formula: No. of Units x \$14.40 = monthly billable amount
 - a. The Multi-Family Complex Property Manager/Owner will be billed the total billable amount for units of the complex.

C. Commercial Sanitation Charges

1. Shared 6 Yard Dumpster - \$31.00 per month
2. 2 Yard Roll Cart Container
 - First Container - \$21.00 per month
 - Each Additional Container - \$11.00 each per month

3. 4 Cubic Yard Container (charge per month)

Weekly No. Pickups	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Monthly Charge	\$47	\$94	\$141	\$188	\$235

4. 6 Cubic Yard Container (charge per month)

Weekly No. Pickups	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Monthly Charge	\$71	\$142	\$213	\$284	\$355

D. Miscellaneous Charges

Item	Charge
Cart Return Service Charge	\$20.00
Removal of inappropriate items placed at curbside	\$30.00
Cart Tampering/Cart Lost	\$50.00
Waste collected by Special Arrangement Only	\$45/ton

E. Outside City Roll Cart or Dumpster Service Charges

1. Roll Cart Service Collected Once Per Week

Rate	Per Month
Residential Roll Cart Service Only	\$20.00
Commercial Roll Cart Service	\$30.00
Additional Commercial Roll Cart	\$11.00 each

Container (charge per month)

Weekly No. Pickups	1 Day	2 Days
Monthly Charge	\$80	\$160

2. 6 Cubic Yard

APPENDIX F

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FACILITY FEES

Livery Stable Rental Rates

Rates effective for reservations made after November 1, 2014.

<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>3 Hour</u>	<u>Half Day</u>	<u>Full Day</u>
Sunday – Thursday	\$50	\$100	\$200
Friday – Saturday	\$200	\$250	\$500

- \$200 refundable cleanup/damage security deposit for all reservations.
- Non-Profit Groups: 50% cost of regular rates.
(\$50 reservation rate charge if outside Abbeville County)
- Non-Profit Groups Charging Admission – Half normal rental rate plus security deposit

City of Abbeville Recreation Facilities Rental Fees

All Rentals are limited to exact time listed, additional hours must be purchased for set up and clean up time

Civic Center Rooms	Abbeville County Residents	Outside Abbeville County
1. Meeting Room	\$50.00 - First 4 Hours	\$90.00 - First 4 Hours
	\$10.00 - Each Additional Hour	\$15.00 - Each Additional Hour
2. Meeting Room with Kitchen	\$55.00 - First 4 Hours	\$100.00 - First 4 Hours
	\$10.00 - Each Additional Hour	\$15.00 - Each Additional Hour
Gymnasium w/ Kitchen	Abbeville County Residents	Outside Abbeville County
1. For Profit	\$110.00 - First 4 Hours	\$160.00 - First 4 Hours
	\$25.00 - Each Additional Hour	\$50.00 - Each Additional Hour
	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up
2. Non-Profit	\$85.00 - First 4 Hours	\$135.00 - First 4 Hours
	\$25.00 - Each Additional Hour	\$50.00 - Each Additional Hour
	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up
3. Wedding Reception	\$275.00- Friday night, all day Saturday	\$440.00 -Friday night, all day Saturday
	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up
Pete Smith Complex	Abbeville County Residents	Outside Abbeville County
1. Ball Field (no lights)	\$70.00 - per field per day	\$130.00 - per field per day
	\$60.00 - Cleanup Deposit	\$120.00 - Cleanup Deposit
2. Ball Field Lights	\$25.00 - Per Hour for Each Field	\$50.00 - Per Hour for Each Field
3. Playground	\$40.00 - 3 Hours	\$60.00 - 3 Hours
	\$5.00 - Each Additional Hour	\$10.00 - Each Additional Hour
Chestnut Street Park	\$100.00 for 4 hour rental	\$200.00 for 4 hour rental
	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up
Jeff Davis	\$100.00 for 4 hour rental	\$200.00 for 4 hour rental
	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up	\$50.00 - Deposit for clean up
Wilson Hill- Shelter	\$30.00 - 2 Hours	\$60.00 - 2 Hours
	\$5.00 - Each Additional Hour	\$10.00 - Each Additional Hour



1. *Rental fee must be paid in full before an event is booked. Reservation times will include one hour for event setup. There is a charge for additional setup/cleanup time if required. Room(s)/Area must be cleaned and vacated by the time specified in the rental agreement. City staff is not responsible for setup or cleanup.*
2. *Reservations will only be made at times that do not conflict with Recreation Department schedules or activities or City of Abbeville events. The City of Abbeville has the right to cancel an event at any time, if necessary.*
3. *Cancellation by renter must be made at least three (3) business days prior to the event. Refund of the rental fee will be mailed within two (2) weeks.*
4. *A signed hold harmless agreement is **REQUIRED** for all rentals.*
5. *For events which the general public are expected to attend, proof of liability insurance may be required. Insurance is required for all sporting events and youth dances. Policy must show coverage is for liability during the event if it is a special events policy. City staff may require insurance coverage for other events based on the nature of the event, or due to past issues with a renter.*
6. *Approved security must be provided by the renter and be on-site for the following types of events: youth dances, adult sporting events, musical concerts, and other adult oriented events. The number of security officers required will be determined by the size and nature of the event. Number and names of security officers must be approved prior to the event. Security officers must be City of Abbeville Police Officers or Abbeville County Sheriff's Deputies. Renter is responsible for contacting law enforcement.*
7. *Music during an event cannot be loud enough to be heard outside of the Civic Center. One warning for loud music will be given. The second violation of this policy will result in the cancellation of the activity/event.*
8. *All evening events must end by 10:00 p.m.*
9. *Renters must have approval prior to placing any signs, banners, etc. on city property.*
10. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON CITY RECREATION PROPERTY OR FACILITIES. ALL CITY OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES ARE SMOKE FREE.**
11. *Renter is responsible for cleanup of the area and/or facility after the event. This includes cleaning and stacking tables, stacking chairs, and removal of trash. Commercial renters must pay for trash removal.*
12. *Renter is allotted one hour for event setup. There is a charge for additional setup/cleanup time if required. Room(s)/Area must be cleaned and vacated by the time specified in the rental agreement. City staff is not responsible for setup or cleanup.*
13. *A deposit for renting City of Abbeville Parks is required and will be returned after the event, provided the grounds have been properly cleaned. The deposit amount is \$50.*

APPENDIX H

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ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

- A. Animal Shelter Daily Housing Charge - \$8.00
- B. Euthanization Charge/Pre-sedation Charge - \$31.00
- C. Decapitation Charge - \$30.00
- D. Impoundment of Animal Fee- 1st time: \$10.00
Impoundment of Animal Fee- 2nd time: \$20.00
Impoundment of Animal Fee: 3rd time: \$30.00
Subsequent Impoundments: \$40 per offense

24 Pet Watch Identification Microchip: \$10.00
Mandatory for 1st impoundment per

South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 47-3-55

Pet Owners are required by law to present a current, valid certificate of rabies vaccination for their pet(s) prior to reclaim from the Animal Shelter. If not available, the owner must present a prepaid vaccine receipt from a licensed Veterinarian prior to reclaiming their pet.

APPENDIX I

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARGES

A. False Alarms

SECTION 1. FINDINGS:

The Abbeville City Council finds that the City of Abbeville's Fire Department is spending a considerable amount of time each year responding to false alarms. Responding to these calls represent the possibility of loss of life and/or property in other areas of the City and also a needless expense to the City of Abbeville Fire Department. Therefore, the City Council now finds it necessary and appropriate to adopt a policy concerning the recovery of cost incurred by the City of Abbeville's Fire Department in responding to false fire alarms.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS:

As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings given below:

- A. **FALSE ALARM:** The phrase "*False Alarm*" shall mean an alarm signal, or recorded message indicating an emergency due to fire, when in fact, no evidence exists upon inspection of the Premises to such alarm that a fire had actually occurred.
- B. **ESTABLISHED:** The terms "*Establishment*" shall mean a business, building, residence or structure of any kind.

SECTION 3. FALSE ALARMS:

- A. Every establishment with the City of Abbeville's city limits or a fire contract holder with the Fire Department having electronic, telephone or mechanical fire alarm systems, including those alarms which are audible or visible on premises, shall be entitled to a maximum of three (3) false alarms to which the Fire Department will respond in the appropriate manner without charge in each calendar year.
- B. Any business with multiple buildings on its premises may report a maximum of three (3) false alarms in each calendar year for each building that is wired with a separate fire alarm system.

SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS:

- A. **NATURAL DISTURBANCES:** Whenever it is determined by an investigating officer that an alarm was caused by natural disturbances (ex. electrical storms), then such alarms shall not be counted toward the allowable number of false fire alarms established in Section 3 above.
- B. **DECISION OF THE FIRE CHIEF:** Whenever it is established to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief, by written evidence from a third party,

that a false alarm was not caused by the owner or occupant of an establishment, or by the installing alarm company, then an alarm shall not be counted toward the allowable number of false fire alarms established in Section 3 above.

- C. **NEW ALARM SYSTEM:** A 120 day grace period, during which no alarms shall be counted toward the allowable number of false alarms established in Section 3 above, shall be granted in connection with the installation of each new alarm system.

SECTION 5. DETERMINATION OF FALSE ALARM:

The officer in charge responding to an alarm shall determine if the alarm is a false alarm. This officer must report in writing, to the fire chief, all false fire alarms.

SECTION 6. RECORD OF FALSE FIRE CALLS

The Fire Chief shall be responsible for maintaining a record of false alarms in which the Fire Department has responded. Dispatch shall also assist the chief and be responsible for tabulating the alarms and determining the business/residence who have more than three (3) false alarms in a given year.

Dispatch shall send a list of names, addresses, and number of alarms to the City of Abbeville's Fire Chief.

SECTION 7. FEE

An administrative fee of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars is hereby imposed upon the owner or occupant of an establishment for each false alarm in excess of the limits set forth in Section 3 above. Such fee shall be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt of notification that the owner or occupant is in violation of this resolution.

B. Outside the City Commercial/Industrial Fire Response Service Agreement

Service Agreement Fee

The base subscription fee for commercial and industrial facilities is \$3,000 per year. The fee will be charged in exchange for a one-year fire response service agreement that will run concurrently with the City's fiscal year. Agreements that are received later than the first quarter of the City's Fiscal Year will be prorated.

The city's reserves the right to accept or deny applications for service at the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

APPENDIX J

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MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES

- Police and Fire Incident Report Fees: Cost associated with request for police incident reports are \$0.25 for each page up to 100 pages, and \$0.50 for each page over 100. Postal mailing cost charge at cost.
- Court Documents: : Cost associated with request for police incident reports are \$0.25 for each page up to 100 pages, and \$0.50 for each page over 100. Postal mailing cost charge at cost.
- Court Background Dissemination: \$5.00 per copy/per person.
- The costs for filing a FOIA request are \$0.25 for each page up to 100 pages, and \$0.50 for each page over 100. The labor costs for researching and copying the request will be based on the hourly rate for the employee(s) involved and will be multiplied by the number of hours spent filing the request. The charge is added to the copying charge. A deposit may be required for large FOIA requests, with the balance due at the time of delivery. Postal or shipping charges will also be added when required. Postal mailing cost charge at cost.
- Copying for the general public of public documents will be charged at \$0.25 for each page up to 100 pages, and \$0.50 for each page over 100. Postal mailing cost charge at cost.
- Gravel Sales

City Residents Only

Once a year a respective city property owner may buy 1 dump truck load (approximately 8 tons) either crush and run or wash stone to encourage property owners to improve their property at a reasonable cost.

Crush & Run	\$175
Wash Stone	\$215

From time to time the Public Works Director is authorized to increase cost by a percentage increase to reflect the whole sale cost to the base rates above.

- Abatement of violation of Internal Property Maintenance Cost: If a contractor is hired the cost will be passed on to the responsible party or violator. If the City abates the violation the charge is \$35 per hour per person with an administrative fee of \$50.00 for first offense, \$100 for second offense, \$150 for third offense within the same calendar year.