

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03-04-07

COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW STRUCTURE FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, WATER AND SEWER TAP FEES, DEPOSITS AND ALL OTHER FEES AND SURCHARGES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Whereas, the County of Orangeburg, South Carolina, is a body corporate and politic of the State of South Carolina under Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; and,

Whereas, the County of Orangeburg provides water and sewer service to commercial and industrial customers within the County limits; and

Whereas, Council has determined that it is necessary for Council to raise water and sewer rates and fees to ensure the continuation of water and sewer services to its customers; and

Whereas, the County Council, as governing body of the County of Orangeburg, (the "Council") hereby adopts the following ordinance which forms a part of the tariffs, terms and conditions of its water system.

Now, Be It Therefore Resolved As Follows:

- 1) The Terms and Conditions for the Orangeburg County Department of Public Utilities are amended and adopted as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.
- 2) The rate schedule for commercial and industrial water services is hereby amended and set forth as follows:

Water Service Rates

The following monthly rates shall be charged for water service, effective immediately upon approval of this Amendment:

Commercial and Industrial Water Rates	
<u>Monthly Flat Rate</u>	\$53.00
(Base Rate plus first 5,000 gallons)	
<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	\$3.75
(all over 5,000 gallons) (per 1,000 gallons)	

In addition, water used on a customer's premises for fire suppression services may be charged to the customer at the actual wholesale cost to the County

- 3) The rate schedule for commercial and industrial wastewater services is hereby amended and set forth as follows:

Wastewater Service Rates

The following monthly rates shall be charged for wastewater service, effective immediately upon approval of this Amendment:

Commercial and Industrial Wastewater Rates	
<u>Monthly Flat Rate</u> (Base Rate plus first 2,000 gallons)	\$55.00
<u>Monthly Base Rate</u> (2,001 gallons to 6,000 gallons)	\$10.00 (per 1,000 gallons)
<u>Monthly Base Rate</u> (over 6,000 gallons)	\$10.50 (per 1,000 gallons)

- 4) The rate schedule for service tap fees is set forth as follows:

Water and Sewer Service Tap Fees

The following fees shall be charged for water service tap fees, effective immediately upon approval of this Amendment:

Service Tap Fees	
3/4" Water (short)	\$1,500
3/4" Water (long)	\$2,000
Larger than 3/4" Water	Actual cost of materials and labor to install

All sewer tap fees shall be installed at the actual cost of materials and labor to install and will be billed monthly, along with water, at a percent rate of the water meter usage. The percentage rate shall be 40% of water usage for customers whose usage includes a significant portion of process water/cooling water consumption as identified by the Department as being consistent with that percentage. For other customers the rate shall be as established by the Department.

In addition to the above rates, Council reserves the right to negotiate and impose special tap fees to large industrial and commercial centers as deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

Tap fees are determined by residential equivalent unit defined in Appendix A, Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities, under the R.61-67 Standards for Wastewater

Facility Construction issued May, 2002, by the Bureau of Water through SCDHEC promulgated pursuant to the S.C. Code Sections 45-1-50 and 48-1-110.

- 5) The rate schedule for miscellaneous account fees is set forth as follows:

Miscellaneous Account Fees

The following fees shall be charged for miscellaneous account fees, effective immediately upon approval of this Amendment:

Miscellaneous Account Fees	
Revisit/Service Call Fee	\$30
After Hours Visit Fee	\$50
Return Check Fee	\$35
Meter Replacement & Test Fee	\$50
No Access to Water Meter Fees	
	First Offense \$0
	Second Offense \$50
	Third Offense \$100

- 6) The rate schedule for unauthorized use fees is set forth as follows:

Unauthorized Use Fees

The following fees shall be charged for unauthorized use fees, effective immediately upon approval of this Amendment:

Unauthorized Use Fees	
Water Service	\$50
Fire Service	\$500
Fire Hydrant	\$500

- 7) Cross connections to the County of Orangeburg water system will not be permitted unless specifically approved by SCDHEC and Orangeburg County Council.

- 8) These new rates shall be reflected on all bills rendered on or after passage of this Amendment without regard to when the particular service was rendered.
- 9) Council is authorized to review and revise these rates as deemed necessary.
- 10) If any paragraph of this Amendment is held invalid, the invalidity of such paragraph shall not affect any remaining provisions of the Amendment or the underlying Ordinance.
- 11) All provisions of prior Ordinances of the County that are in conflict with this Amendment are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 4th day of March, 2019

ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

ATTESTATION AND CERTIFICATION:

I attest that the signature immediately above is that of the Chairman of the Orangeburg County Council, Johnnie Wright, Sr.

I certify that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of an ordinance adopted by the Orangeburg County Council. The ordinance was noticed in full compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, read and received a favorable vote at the three public Council meetings on the days below. At each meeting, a quorum of the Council was present and remained throughout the meeting. In addition, Council held a public hearing on the date listed below which date was at least 15 days after a Notice of Public Hearing on the ordinance appeared in the Times and Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

First Reading: February 4, 2019
Public Hearing: February 19, 2019
Second Reading: February 19, 2019
Third Reading: March 4, 2019

By: _____

Connie N. Portee, Clerk to Council

