

ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-035

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,
Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article III, Water Service, Sec. 23-62 Application for service*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 5th day of May, 2015, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article III, Water Service, Sec. 23-62 Application for service is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-62. - Application for service.

(a) An application for new water and/or sewer service shall be made to the engineering department, stating the property address and the tax map number of the property to be served and the type of water and/or sewer service requested (commercial or residential) and the applicable rate (in city or out of city) on a form provided by the city.

(b) A request to transfer an existing water and/or sewer service account shall be made to customer service, stating the property address and the tax map number of the property to be served on a form to be provided by the city. Account transfers will not be allowed to properties described in (c). Account balances, if not past due, will be transferred to the new account. Those properties described in (c) will require an application for new water and/or sewer service.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (i) of this Section, if the property to be served is located in an unincorporated area of a county and not subject to a properly executed and recorded declaration of covenant the property owner(s) shall, prior to or contemporaneously with an application or transfer request, submit:

(1) A properly executed annexation petition to the City of Columbia, if the property is contiguous to the corporate limits of the city; or

(2) A properly executed, recordable declaration of covenant, if the property is not contiguous to the corporate limits of the city and not already subject to a properly recorded declaration of covenant.

(d) No water and/or sewer service shall be provided, transferred, permitted or allowed until such time as an annexation petition or declaration of covenant as is provided for herein is submitted to the city.

(e) Declaration of covenants shall be filed in the register of deeds for the county in which the property is located.

(f) Annexation petitions and declaration of covenants shall be in a form approved by the city attorney.

(g) An applicant or transferor shall provide proof of ownership, leasehold interest, occupancy, residency, authority, identity or existence, if a legal entity, upon request and shall not receive or continue to receive water and/or sewer service until the requested proof has been provided and/or verified by the city.

(h) The provision of service to customers outside the corporate limits by the city is deemed to be a contract subject to all rate schedules, rules, regulations and ordinances of the city as may be amended from time to time. The contract does not create or impose upon the city any obligation to provide service in the future. Service may be discontinued at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of city council upon reasonable notice.

(i) Property owners of properties within an industrial park created or established by Richland County may be exempt from the requirement to execute a declaration of covenant prior to receiving water

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service from the City if Richland County affirmatively supports the request for exemption and City Council approves the request.

This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Gentry


MAYOR

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 4/21/2015

Final Reading: 5/5/2015