

ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-050

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. 23-143 Water service rate, Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 26th day of June, 2012, 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. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a), Generally are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum----300	5/8"	6.00	10.20
	1"	15.00	25.50
	1 1/2"	30.00	51.00
	2"	48.00	81.60
	3"	96.00	163.20
	4"	150.00	255.00
	6"	300.00	510.00
	8"	480.00	816.00
	10"	750.00	1275.00
Additional charge per 100 cubic fee			

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<i>Residential</i>		
Next 9,700	2.00	3.40
Next 90,000	1.90	3.23
Over 100,000	1.80	3.06
<i>Irrigation</i>		
Next 9,700	3.40	5.78
Next 90,000	3.23	5.49
Over 100,000	3.06	5.20
<i>All others</i>		
Next 9,700	1.90	3.23
Next 90,000	1.80	3.06
Over 100,000	1.70	2.89

Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges.

(a) Fire hydrant charges added to water bills for out-of-city customers shall be:

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| (1) Residential, single unit | \$8.00 |
| (2) Residential, multi-unit (served by one meter): | |
| a. First unit | \$8.00 |
| b. Each additional unit | \$6.00 |
| (3) Small business | \$10.00 |
| (4) Commercial | \$18.00 |
| (5) Heavy commercial or light industry | \$34.00 |
| (6) Industry | \$44.00 |
- (b) The minimum charge shall be made for each out-of-city meter connected to the water line, even though it may be cut off.

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(c) Where property served by private hydrants or sprinkler systems is outside of the city limits, the following rates will be charged, payable monthly:

- (1) Hydrants: \$48.00 per year each.
- (2) Sprinkler systems: \$0.24 per sprinkler head per year.
- (d) Use of water through a meter installed for sprinkler system service for purposes other than outside irrigation shall result in forfeiture of the meter and service.
- e) It shall be unlawful for any person to cover a meter box through grading or fill dirt after the request for the meter to be installed has been made. Any violator of this subsection will be required to pay the cost of relocating the meter box.
- (f) A fee of \$175.00 shall be charged for each fire hydrant flow test made by the city engineer upon private application.
- (g) Out-of-city customers in the county shall pay a fire protection charge as follows:

(1) Residential	\$1.00
(2) Residential, multi-unit (served by one meter):	
a. First unit	1.00
b. Each additional unit	0.50
(3) Small business	1.50
(4) Commercial	3.50
(5) Heavy commercial or light industry	7.50
(6) Industry	10.00

Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.

(a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

<i>Size of Meter (inches)</i>	<i>In City</i>	<i>Out of City</i>
5/8	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
1	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
1-1/2	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
2	\$ 9.60	\$ 16.32
3	\$ 19.20	\$ 32.64
4	\$ 30.00	\$ 51.00
6	\$ 60.00	\$102.00
8	\$ 96.00	\$163.20
10	\$150.00	\$255.00
<i>Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)</i>	<i>Monthly Sewer Service Charge</i>	
Each additional 100 cubic feet	<i>In City</i>	<i>Out of City</i>
	\$ 2.90	\$ 4.93

This ordinance is effective as of **July 1, 2012.**

Requested by:

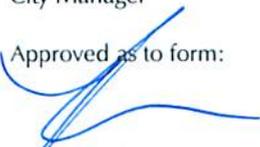
Utilities and Engineering

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Public Hearing: 6/5/2012

Introduced: 6/5/2012

Final Reading: 6/26/2012



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk