

ORDINANCE NO.: 2011-081

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. 23-152 Sewer plant expansion fee (b)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 20th day of December, 2011, 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. 23-152, Sewer plant expansion fee (b) is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-152 Sewer plant expansion fee.

(a) Amount. In addition to those fees established and required by section 23-148, a sewer plan expansion fee shall be required to be paid prior to each sewer service connection to offset the cost of constructing increased treatment plant and collection system capacity or capital expenditures to retain current system capacity in accordance with the capital improvement plan of the City of Columbia. The costs of construction or expenditures to retain current system capacity shall include design and engineering costs, materials, labor and debt service on any bonds which may be issued to provide the intended plant capacity increase. The amount of the expansion fee for each connection shall be computed by multiplying the number of taps required for each application in accordance with section 23-148 times \$1,320.00 from July 1, 2007 until December 31, 2007 and times \$2,640.00 thereafter.

(b) Extended payment. At the time of application for the sewer service connection, applicant may elect to pay the entire fee in full or pay the fee, or any portion thereof, in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments with interest thereon at an annual interest rate, during each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), equal to the prime rate as listed in the first edition of the Wall Street Journal published in the month of May which precedes the upcoming fiscal year plus 2.5 percentage points. The monthly payments for the plant expansion fee shall be added to and collected with the monthly sewer bill for the property to be served commencing with the first sewer bill, and shall be collected in the same manner as any other sewer charges by the City of Columbia. In the event of the sale of the property being served by the sewer connection, the unpaid portion of the fee subject to the extended payment in accordance with this section shall be immediately due and payable unless Purchaser(s) assume the extended payment obligation at closing. Unless Purchaser(s) apply for transfer of sewer service and/or assume or pay in full the unpaid extended payment, no further sewer service shall be provided to such property.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council _____



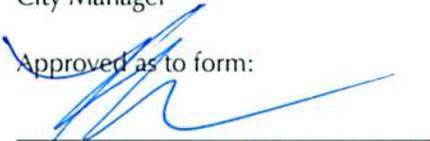
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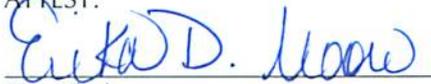


City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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