

CLARENDON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CLARENDON COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09 (Previously Amended by Ordinance 2014-02), THE
CLARENDON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT CODE OF
REGULATIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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Jiah Roberts, Clerk-Clarendon S.C.

- WHEREAS, Clarendon County Council approved by ordinance the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations in current form on September 13, 2010 with previous amendment by Council adopted September 8, 2014;
- WHEREAS, the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations provides for the authority and process for Clarendon County to prepare, periodically amend and enforce the provisions of the Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations;
- WHEREAS, after a review of the current provisions contained within the Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations, Clarendon County Council feels that based on the current economic climate and use of the water and sewer system, that certain amendments need to be made to meet the current demand for the product produced by the water and sewer system;
- WHEREAS, after an evaluation of the current water and sewer rates initially established in 2010, along with calculated water usage of both metered and unmetered customers; it is apparent that water and sewer revenues of the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department on a per customer basis need adjustment to keep pace with water and sewer system operation costs;
- WHEREAS, after review of water system usage and pumpage data it has been determined that water usage rates to the unmetered systems have been greatly in excess of the metered system. This is evidenced by the average non-metered customer usage estimate for FY 2018 being 5,794 gallons per month, this being almost twice the base amount for a metered service;
- WHEREAS, beginning in fiscal year 2017, the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department has experienced increased cost for maintenance and periodic testing of system fire hydrants. This increased cost is to help assure proper operation and water availability and in addition, to comply with information needed for ISO ratings that can affect fire insurance costs for residents served by the water system;
- WHEREAS, the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department is experiencing increased cost for maintenance and repair of sewer customer SIT (solids interceptor tank), pump and connector lines; it is apparent that the annual

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fee for the "Homeowners Repair Agreement" needs adjustment or such services discontinued;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clarendon County Council does hereby approve the Amendment to Ordinance #2010-09 and Authorizes the following:

(1) Chart II. Water Usage Rate Schedule

- a. ¾" Meter Size – Beginning upon adoption of this ordinance, Unmetered Usage shall be increased to \$34.50 monthly and Metered Usage monthly rate shall be adjusted such that first 2000 gallons shall be billed at current rate of \$25.75 and all above 2000 gallons shall be billed at \$6.25 per 1,000 gallons.
- b. Beginning upon adoption of this ordinance, all Chart II base rates and per 1,000 gallon rates shall be increased annually in January of each new year by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual increase posted in November of the previous year.
- c. Beginning upon adoption of this ordinance, all water customers served by the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department shall be assessed a \$2.00 monthly charge for fire hydrant maintenance.

(2) SCHEDULE B – SEWER USE RATES AND FEES

- I. Beginning with the adoption of this ordinance, all residential and commercial sewer rates shall be increased annually in January of each new year by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual increase posted in November of the previous year.

VI. Sewer Service Deposits and Fees – Beginning upon adoption of this ordinance, the Home Owners Repair Agreement fee shall be increased to \$8.34 per month or \$100 per year. Also following adoption of this ordinance new Home Owners Repair Agreements shall not be made available and property owner or tenant will be responsible for repair and maintenance costs for the SIT tank, pump and connector lines up to system connection at property line. Existing such agreements may continue only until there is a change in home ownership or tenant.

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of June 2019.



CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dwight L. Stewart, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Levy, Clerk to Council

First Reading: April 8, 2019

Second Reading: May 13, 2019

Public Hearing: May 13, 2019

Third Reading and Adoption: June 10, 2019