

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA *
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COUNTY OF MCCORMICK *

ORDINANCE 15-02

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CLERK OF COURT
MCCORMICK COUNTY, SC

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE, SET RATES, MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR COUNTY OF MCCORMICK, WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

WHEREAS, the County of McCormick Water System purchases wholesale treated drinking water from the Town of McCormick Commission of Public Works, the Town of Calhoun Falls and Columbia County;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the County Council of McCormick County, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled, that the following appropriations and the estimated revenue to support these appropriations, as well as other supporting documents and details contained in the recommended budget for McCormick County Water and Sewer Department, including the rates and fees set out herein, **ARE HEREBY ADOPTED**; such supporting documents and details being made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference.

WATER RATES

RESIDENTIAL

TO INCLUDE NON-PROFITS AND AGRICULTURAL USE

¾" to 1" meter	First	0 gallons	\$16.00 (minimum)
	All Over	0 gallons	\$ 3.80 per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL

¾" to 2" meter (small commercial)	First 0 gallons	\$31.60 (minimum)
	All Over 0 gallons	\$ 3.80 per 1,000 gallons

¾" to 2" meter (small commercial three (3) or more Units to include but not limited to; mobile home parks State and Federal Parks, Trailer Clubs, Boating Clubs Hunting Clubs, Marinas, and Motels)	First 0 gallons	\$75.00 (minimum)
	All Over 0 gallons	\$ 3.80 per 1,000 gallons

3" to 5" meter (medium commercial)	First 154,000 gallons	\$ 484.00 (minimum)
	All Over 154,000 gallons	\$ 3.80 per 1,000 gallons

6" and larger meter (large commercial)	First 500,000 gallons	\$1,570.00 (minimum)
	All Over 500,000 gallons	\$ 3.80 per 1,000 gallons

SEWER RATES

(Sewer rates are based on water consumption.)

\$20.00 (minimum) Base for all Sewer

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Residential	Based on 100% of water used, as determined by water meter reading— \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.
Small Commercial	Based on 100% of water used, as determined by water meter reading— \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.
Medium Size Commercial	Based on 100% of water used, as determined by water meter reading— \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.
Large Size Commercial	Based on 100% of water used, as determined by water meter reading— \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.
Industrial	Based on 100% of water used, as determined by water meter reading— \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.
Extra Large Commercial	Based on meter reading— \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons

TAP FEES FOR WATER METERS

Water Tap for ¾" Meter	\$ 750.00
Water Tap for 1" Meter & Larger	\$ 750.00 (Plus additional cost in excess of the Cost of a ¾" Meter)

TAP FEES FOR SEWER

Sewer Taps	\$ 750.00 (Plus cost of Materials)
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NON- PAYMENT OF BILL

The failure of a user to pay charges duly imposed shall result in the automatic imposition of the following penalties:

1. Payment is due on the 10th of each month. This is the due date. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is extended to the next business day. Payment must be received by 5:00 PM on the due date. Payment received after 5:00 PM on the due date will be credited the next business day and will be subject to a late fee. Non-payment by the due date is subject to a late fee of 10% of the delinquent amount. Payment not received by the 20th of the month will be subject to an additional \$40.00 late fee and service to the user's property may be disconnected/locked without further notice.

RECONNECTION FEE

In the event it becomes necessary for the County to discontinue service to a User's property, service will be restored upon User's payment of the outstanding balance of the account, including all late fees, plus a \$50.00 reconnection fee as set forth in the scheduled rates and fees. (This will occur if meter has been locked through two billing cycles due to non payment of bill.)

WATER LEAK BILL ADJUSTMENT

Upon the request of a residential customer, the Water and Sewer Department can adjust one (1) bill per every (3) three years in the event of a water leak. The customer must request the adjustment within three (3) months of the leak. The customer must provide proof of the leak in the form of repair or parts bills. The adjustment is made by averaging the three (3) months of water use prior to the leak. That average water use is subtracted from the usage on the month requested for adjustment and then multiplied by \$2.42 per thousand gallons. The average three (3) month water use is then multiplied by the current usage rate. The two amounts are added together to determine the adjusted billing amount.

BAD CHECK FEES

A fee of \$35.00 will be charged for any check or bank draft that is returned to the Water and Sewer Service by the bank for non-payment. Once an account has had two (2) returned checks during the calendar year the account will be a cash only account for one year which will end twelve months after being a cash only account.

CHANGE OVER FEE

A \$50.00 Change Over Fee for administrative services will be charged to change the account from one owner to another owner; provided, however, that such Change Over Fee shall not be charged to a surviving spouse who is not listed as an owner on the account in the event of the death of the spouse who was listed as the account owner. This exemption shall only apply to a surviving spouse who is not listed on the account and who resided with the deceased spouse at the location of service.

ALL CONVENIENCE RECONNECTION FEE

Upon the request to lock a meter for the convenience of not paying the monthly minimum base fee, the Water and Sewer Department will charge a \$50 reconnection (unlock fee) for all meters that are turned off and on during the fiscal year.

RENTER'S DEPOSIT

A refundable deposit of \$50.00 will be paid by those customers renting property.

FLOW METER

A refundable deposit of \$50.00 plus a \$100 flat rate and \$3.80 per thousand gallons used will be paid by the customers utilizing the Flow Meter.

INSTALLATION / REPAIR OF LOW PRESSURE TANK SEWER SYSTEM

Due to DHEC regulations, any low-pressure tank sewer system installed and attached to McCormick County Sewer System must be inspected during installation by McCormick County. Installation and labor per installation, plus cost of all materials will be as contracted for between the property owner and an entity designated by the County Council. Property owner will provide both electrical drop and sewer drop. All plans and specifications will be submitted to McCormick County Water and Sewer Department prior to the start of construction. The property owner will be responsible for all costs related to the repair, maintenance, pump out, or replacement of the low pressure tank system. No one other than McCormick County authorized personnel or other persons authorized by the County shall provide maintenance to the system.

FRIVOLOUS SERVICE CALLS

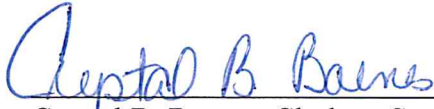
Any service deemed frivolous shall be subject to a fee of \$15.00.

The County Council hereby appropriates and adopts a budget for County of McCormick, Water and Sewer Department, South Carolina, for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015. The following pages provide the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures and are incorporated into the body of the ordinance:

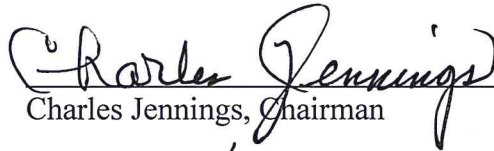
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,807,248
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,807,248

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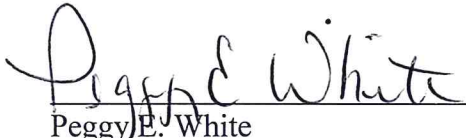
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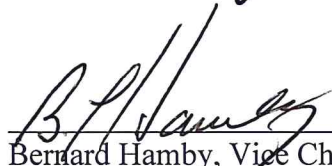
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Charles Jennings, Chairman




Peggy E. White
Finance Director



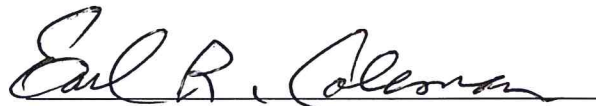
Bernard Hamby, Vice Chairman



Columbus Stephens
County Administrator



Henry Banks, Council Member



Earl Coleman, Council Member

1st Reading: April 21, 2015
2nd Reading: May 19, 2015
Public Hrg: June 16, 2015
3rd Reading: June 29, 2015



Byron Thompson, Council Member

MCCORMICK WATER/SEWER
BUDGET FY 2015-2016

WATER REVENUES

	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
Residential	1,474,871	1,380,295
PRT	23,970	42,000
Prison	231,692	220,000
De La Howe/Nursing Home	28,965	22,698
U.S. Corps of Engineers	5,544	7,583
National Guard	5,544	5,808
Small Commercial	93,352	105,550
SLV Tap Fee	15,000	15,000
Tap Fees	30,000	18,750
Commercial Master Meter	11,088	11,088
Reconnect/Cut Off/Change Over	20,000	45,000
School District	24,695	24,695
Usage Fee	18,000	0
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000
Subtotal Water Revenues	1,987,721	1,903,467

SEWER REVENUES

	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
PRT	31,733	49,106
Prison	268,514	305,550
De La Howe/Nursing Home/School	48,503	49,200
National Guard Sewer	1,343	4,800
Sewer Tap Fees - SLV	9,000	15,000
Sewer Tap Fees	3,750	2,250
Interseptor Tank Inspections	2,500	2,500
Service Repairs	15,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	509,493	450,000
Subtotal Sewer Revenues	889,836	903,406

REVENUE INTEREST

	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
Other	10	10
Interest CD Water & Sewer	135	135
Depreciation	45	45
Contingency	35	35
Sewage Reserve	100	100
Debt Service 2001 CD	20	20
Debt Service 2008 CD	25	25
Debt Reserve 2009	5	5
Subtotal Revenue Interest	375	375

TOTAL REVENUE	2,877,932	2,807,248
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MCCORMICK WATER/SEWER
BUDGET FY 2015-2016

EXPENDITURES

	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
Field Employee Salaries	216,137	225,404
Meter Reader Salaries	71,938	78,038
Office Employee Salaries	128,728	129,473
Employee Fringe Benefits - Field	110,441	89,283
Employee Fringe Benefits - Meter Readers	28,070	27,011
Employee Fringe Benefits - Office	50,479	52,717
DHEC Fees	15,000	15,000
Operations	50,000	46,000
Professional Services - Audit	14,860	14,860
Engineering	2,000	5,000
Bank Service Fees	14,900	6,500
Pipe & Other Supplies	95,000	95,000
Data Processing	4,500	6,500
Rent/Lease	17,400	17,400
Printing & Office Supplies	2,500	7,500
Postage	13,000	28,800
Water	780,000	780,000
Health Care Reimbursement	3,800	5,600
Vehicle Operations	20,000	20,000
Gasoline	45,000	45,000
Travel/Lodging Mileage	1,500	3,000
OSHA Requirements	500	500
Electricity	53,000	53,000
Training	3,000	3,000
Sewage Treatment	380,000	350,000
Depreciation	153,840	153,840
Water Towers - Inspection Repairs	43,500	43,500
Maintenance/Chemicals	10,000	8,000
Machine Equipment Repairs	26,500	29,800
Sewer System Upgrade	198,270	198,270
Interceptor Tanks	0	0
Worker's Compensation	10,726	10,726
Property & Liability Insurance	31,000	31,000
BB&T Revenue Bond	25,603	22,770
Washington Sch. Road Waterline	1,112	1,078
RDA Loan	42,054	41,265
2009 USDA Bond	24,443	24,112
New Water Line Installation	40,000	40,000
Transfer W/S System Upgrade	149,131	98,301
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,877,932	2,807,248