

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA *
 COUNTY OF MCCORMICK *

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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, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

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, GA;

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

*Water meters that are installed and used strictly for irrigation or similar purposes and which are not connected to and do not impact the sewer system in any manner are not subject to sewer charges based on water consumption.

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. Residential sewer will be charged on the average three (3) month water use then multiplied by the current usage rate for sewage.

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, 2017. The following pages provide the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures and are incorporated into the body of the ordinance:

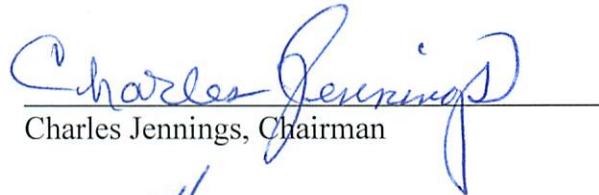
TOTAL REVENUES
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 3,296,381
\$ 3,296,381

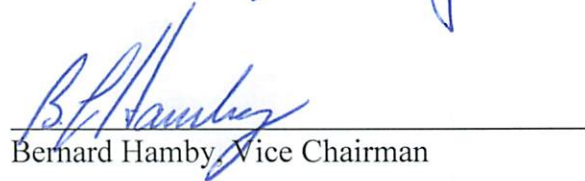
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WATER AND SEWER BUDGET
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1st Reading: April 18, 2017
2nd Reading: May 16, 2017
Public Hearing: June 20, 2017
3rd Reading: June 20, 2017

WATER REVENUES

	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
Residential	1,474,871	1,536,815
PRT	36,000	32,000
Prison	210,000	210,000
De La Howe/Nursing Home	25,287	35,700
U.S. Corps of Engineers	15,110	5,808
National Guard	5,808	5,808
Small Commercial	107,695	130,677
SLV Tap Fee	18,750	18,750
Tap Fees	15,750	15,750
Commercial Master Meter	7,000	7,000
Reconnect/Cut Off/Change Over/Penalty	62,635	72,490
School District	21,600	27,780
Water Meter Repairs	0	0
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,200
Subtotal Water Revenues	2,002,506	2,099,778

SEWER REVENUES

	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
PRT	31,700	31,700
Prison	316,464	316,000
De La Howe/Nursing Home/School	49,200	75,500
National Guard Sewer	2,500	1,500
Sewer Tap Fees - SLV	15,000	18,750
Sewer Tap Fees	3,750	3,750
Interseptor Tank Inspections	1,500	0
Service Repairs	38,675	40,000
Res/Sm Comm Sewer	565,000	610,747
Subtotal Sewer Revenues	1,023,789	1,097,947

REVENUE INTEREST

	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
Other	0	0
Interest CD Water & Sewer	75	75
Depreciation	15	15
Contingency	10	10
Sewage Reserve	20	20
Debt Service 2001 CD	5	5
Debt Service 2008 CD	5	5
Debt Reserve 2009	1	2
Subtotal Revenue Interest	131	132

Unreserved Fund Balance	0	127,321
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TOTAL REVENUE	3,026,426	3,325,178
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EXPENDITURES

	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
Field Employee Salaries	257,097	264,041
Meter Reader Salaries	80,378	82,789
Office Employee Salaries	133,357	154,863
Employee Fringe Benefits - Field	90,419	96,593
Employee Fringe Benefits - Meter Readers	26,889	29,009
Employee Fringe Benefits - Office	39,170	44,295
DHEC Fees	13,000	14,000
Operations	44,000	65,000
Professional Services - Audit	14,860	14,860
Engineering	2,000	0
Bank Service Fees	6,000	6,000
Pipe & Other Supplies	90,000	80,000
Data Processing	10,000	10,000
Rent/Lease	17,400	17,400
Printing & Office Supplies	6,000	6,000
Postage	20,000	21,000
Water	837,941	862,889
Health Care Reimbursement	0	0
Vehicle Operations	20,000	20,000
Gasoline	35,000	30,000
Travel/Lodging Mileage	2,000	2,000
OSHA Requirements	500	500
Electricity	54,000	54,000
Training	2,000	1,500
Sewage Treatment	413,996	413,996
Depreciation	200,000	200,000
Sewer Operations	23,592	48,000
Water Towers - Inspection Repairs	43,500	30,000
Maintenance/Chemicals	100,000	100,000
Machine Equipment Repairs	26,300	15,000
Sewer System Upgrade	198,669	198,669
Interceptor Tanks	0	0
Worker's Compensation	10,726	9,525
Property & Liability Insurance	31,000	32,550
BB&T Revenue Bond	19,800	16,693
Washington Sch. Road Waterline	1,043	1,006
RDA Loan	40,438	39,571
2009 USDA Bond	23,778	23,429
New Water Line Installation	40,000	320,000
Motor Vehicles	51,573	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,026,426	3,325,178