

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA \*  
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 COUNTY OF MCCORMICK \*

ORDINANCE 24-02  
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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, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

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	\$17.00 (minimum)
	All Over 0 gallons	\$ 4.10 per 1,000 gallons
<b><u>COMMERCIAL</u></b>		
¾" to 2" meter (small commercial)	First 0 gallons	\$33.50 (minimum)
	All Over 0 gallons	\$ 4.10 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	\$79.50 (minimum)
	All Over 0 gallons	\$ 4.10 per 1,000 gallons
3" to 5" meter (medium commercial)	First 154,000 gallons	\$ 513.00 (minimum)
	All Over 154,000 gallons	\$ 4.10 per 1,000 gallons
6" and larger meter (large, extra large Commercial and Industrial)	First 500,000 gallons	\$1,664.00 (minimum)
	All Over 500,000 gallons	\$ 4.10 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— \$7.50 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.

**Interceptor Tank Inspection Fee:** \$100 (this has to be done every 5 years per DHEC guidelines.)

**Labor Charges:** \$50 per hour with a minimum charge of \$50.

**Pumping of Interceptor Tanks:** \$250 per pump out.

**Service Charge:** \$50

**Water Sample Bacterial/Chlorine (at the request of customer):** \$35

**Broken Lock Penalties:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: \$50

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Tap Removal/Prosecution

**Service Tampering Penalties**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: \$50

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Tap Removal/Prosecution

**Relocate Water Meter (at customer request):** \$250

**Cost to replace Water Meter Box & Lid:**

Heavy Duty Plastic Meter Box	\$12
Solid Cast Iron Meter Box Lid	\$16
Labor	\$15

\*Larger Box will be based on Actual Cost

Re-read Meter Fee (Customer Request): \$25  
 Meter Accuracy Test (Customer Request): \$30

**Work Not Specified**

Installation and other work not specified will be billed for labor, materials, and equipment at Utility Department Cost.

**TAP FEES FOR WATER METERS**

Water Tap for ¾" Meter	\$ 1,000.00
Water Tap for 1" Meter & Larger	\$ 1,000.00 (Plus additional cost in excess of the Cost of a ¾" Meter)

**TAP FEES FOR SEWER**

Sewer Taps	\$ 1000.00 (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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 nonpayment 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 \$2.70 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 BILL ADJUSTMENT**

Upon the request of a residential customer, the Water and Sewer Department can adjust one (1) bill per every (3) years in the event of a leak. The customer must request the adjustment within three (3) months of the leak. The adjustment is made by averaging the three (3) months of water use prior to the leak. The average water use is subtracted from the usage on the month requested for adjustment and then multiplied by \$4.00 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 \$100.00 will be paid by those customers renting property.

**FLOW METER**

A refundable deposit of \$50.00 plus a \$100 flat rate and \$4.10 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**

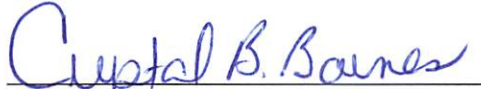
Any service deemed frivolous shall be subject to a fee of \$15.00.

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, 2025. The following pages provide the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures and are incorporated into the body of the ordinance:

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,435,593</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 4,435,593</b>


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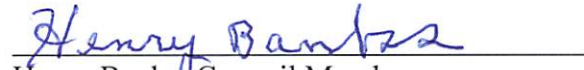
  
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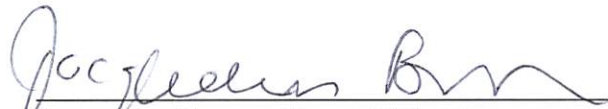
  
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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: April 16, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: May 21, 2024  
Public Hearing: June 18, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: June 18, 2024

<b>WATER REVENUES</b>		
	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Residential	1,725,000	1,895,000
PRT	30,000	30,000
Prison	200,000	32,000
De La Howe/Nursing Home	25,000	25,000
U.S. Corps of Engineers	5,000	7,000
National Guard	6,000	6,000
Small Commercial	120,000	130,000
SLV Tap Fee	120,000	120,000
Tap Fees	20,000	50,000
Commercial Master Meter	-	-
Reconnect/Cut Off/Change Over	75,000	75,000
School District	15,000	15,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000
<b>Subtotal Water Revenues</b>	<b>2,343,000</b>	<b>2,387,000</b>
<b>SEWER REVENUES</b>		
	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
PRT	35,000	45,000
Prison	300,000	320,000
De La Howe/Nursing Home/School	45,000	45,000
National Guard Sewer	1,200	1,200
Sewer Tap Fees - SLV	95,000	95,000
Sewer Tap Fees	3,000	3,000
Interseptor Tank Inspections	10,000	6,000
Service Repairs	50,000	50,000
Res/Sm Commercial Sewer	670,000	700,000
<b>Subtotal Sewer Revenues</b>	<b>1,209,200</b>	<b>1,265,200</b>
<b>REVENUE INTEREST</b>		
	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Other - County Loan Interest	3,814	1,928
Interest CD Water & Sewer	75	1,000
Depreciation	17	1,000
Contingency	14	1,000
Sewage Reserve	25	1,000
Debt Service 2001 CD	5	200
Debt Service 2008 CD	5	500
Debt Reserve 2009	2	100
<b>Subtotal Revenue Interest</b>	<b>3,957</b>	<b>6,728</b>
Transfer-In Unreserved Fund Balance	<b>709,410</b>	<b>776,665</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,265,567</b>	<b>4,435,593</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Field Employee Salaries	-	-
Meter Reader Salaries	72,609	35,301
Office Employee Salaries	27,435	21,912
Employee Fringe Benefits - Field	-	-
Employee Fringe Benefits - Meter Readers	30,463	15,028
Employee Fringe Benefits - Office	6,916	5,444
DHEC Fees	-	-
Operations	1,993,383	2,200,180
Professional Services - Audit	15,000	15,000
Engineering	-	-
Bank Service Fees	8,000	8,000
Pipe & Other Supplies	-	-
Data Processing	-	-
Rent/Lease	17,400	17,400
Printing & Office Supplies	-	-
Postage	-	-
Water	1,190,000	1,250,000
Vehicle Operations	-	-
Gasoline	-	-
Travel/Lodging Mileage	-	-
OSHA Requirements	500	500
Electricity	-	-
Training	-	-
Sewage Treatment	350,000	350,000
Depreciation	350,000	350,000
Water Towers - Inspection Repairs	30,000	30,000
Maintenance/Chemicals	-	-
Machine Equipment Repairs	-	-
Sewer System Upgrade	-	-
Sewer Operations	-	-
Worker's Compensation	15,500	24,000
Property & Liability Insurance	46,500	46,500
BB&T Revenue Bond	10,533	5,000
Washington Sch. Road Waterline	931	931
RDA Loan	37,709	37,709
2009 USDA Bond	22,688	22,688
New Water Line Installation	-	-
Machinery/Equipment	-	-
Motor Vehicles	40,000	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,265,567</b>	<b>4,435,593</b>