

ORDINANCE NO.: 2003-049

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article III, Water Service, Sec. 23-62, Application for service; deleting Sec. 23-63, Service contract and renumbering subsequent sections; amending Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-141, Security deposits; Sec. 23-143 Water service rates

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 10th day of March, 2004, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article III, Water Service and Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, are amended to read as follows:

Article III. Water Service

Sec. 23-62. Application for service.

- (a) An application for new water and/or sewer service shall be made to the engineering department, stating the property address and the tax map number of the property to be served and the type of water and/or sewer service requested (commercial or residential) and the applicable rate (in City or out of City) on a form provided by the City.
- (b) A request to transfer an existing water and/or sewer service account, shall be made to customer service, stating the property address and the tax map number of the property to be served on a form to be provided by the City. Account transfers will not be allowed to properties described in (c). Account balances, if not past due, will be transferred to the new account. Those properties described in (c) will require an application for new water and/or sewer service.
- (c) If the property to be served is located in an unincorporated area of a county and not subject to a properly executed and recorded declaration of covenant, the property owner(s) shall, prior to or contemporaneously with an application or transfer request, submit:
- (i) a properly executed annexation petition to the City of Columbia, if the property is contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Columbia; or,
 - (ii) a properly executed, recordable declaration of covenant, if the property is not contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Columbia and not already subject to a properly recorded declaration of covenant.
- (d) No water and/or sewer service shall be provided, transferred, permitted or allowed until such time as an annexation petition or declaration of covenant as is provided for herein is submitted to the City of Columbia.

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(e) Declaration of covenants shall be filed in the Register Of Deeds for the county in which the property is located.

(f) Annexation petitions and declaration of covenants shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.

(g) An applicant or transferor shall provide proof of ownership, leasehold interest, occupancy, residency, authority, identity or existence, if a legal entity, upon request and shall not receive or continue to receive water and/or sewer service until the requested proof has been provided and/or verified by the City of Columbia.

(h) The provision of service to customers outside the corporate limits by the City of Columbia is deemed to be a contract subject to all rate schedules, rules, regulations and ordinances of the City of Columbia as may be amended from time to time. The contract does not create or impose upon the City of Columbia any obligation to provide service in the future. Service may be discontinued at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of Columbia City Council upon reasonable notice.

Sec. 23-63 is deleted in its entirety and subsequent sections are hereby renumbered.

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Article V, Water and Sewer Rates

Sec. 23-141. Security deposits.

(a) A non-refundable application/transfer fee in the amount of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars is required for all applications for new water and/or sewer service or requests to transfer existing water and/or sewer accounts.

(b) Water and/or sewer service accounts two months in arrears shall be terminated for nonpayment, for non-payment until a termination notice has been mailed to the billing address on file for the account. Service will be subject to termination 15 days after the date of the termination notice.

Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.

(a) Generally. Monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum----300	5/8"	4.09	8.19
	1"	6.84	13.67
	1 1/2"	9.57	19.14
	2"	15.02	30.05
	3"	25.96	51.93
	4"	47.82	95.64
	6"	102.48	204.96
	8"	137.60	275.21
	10"	325.20	650.40

Additional charge per
100 cubic feet

Next 9,700	All	1.29	2.33
Next 90,000		1.20	2.25
over 100,000		1.14	2.17

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This ordinance is effective as of March 15, 2004.

Requested by:

Dana Turner, Administrative Advisor



MAYOR

Approved by:

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City Manager

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ATTEST:

[Handwritten Signature]
City Clerk

Introduced: 6/4/2003

Final Reading: 3/10/2004