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ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-013

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-148 Sewer tapping fees and Sec. 23-152 Sewer plant expansion fee

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 10th day of February, 2015, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-148 Sewer tapping fees and Sec. 23-152 Sewer plant expansion fee, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23-148. Sewer tapping fees.

(a) Tapping charges for sewer connections shall be:

(1) Taps installed by developer/owner: $300.00 for each tap constructed.

(2) Taps installed by city forces: $1,300.00 for each tap constructed.

(b) Taps are required as follows:

(1) Single-family residence: One tap.

(2)Single-family mobile home: One tap.

(3)Multifamily unit: One tap per dwelling unit.

(4) Separate laundry facilities on the same premises restricted to use by residents of the multifamily units only: One tap for every two washing machines using not more than 40 gallons per wash cycle. Larger machines shall require one tap each.

(5) Hotels and motels: One tap plus one-half tap per room.

(6) Day school: One tap for each 20 students and staff (average daily attendance).

(7) Institutions (except nursing homes and hospitals) having sleeping facilities (i.e., penitentiary, reformatory, boarding school, full-time care facility): One tap for each four beds.

(8) Contaminated groundwater: One tap for each 300 gallons, or portion thereof, or estimated average input per day into the sewer system.

(9) All others: The number of taps shall be computed by the director of utilities and engineering or city engineer, or approved by same if calculations are submitted by a registered professional engineer or architect responsible for the project in accordance with the criteria of the state board of health on the basis of one tap for each 300 gallons, or portion thereof, of estimated average input per day into the sewer system.

Sec. 23-152. Sewer plant expansion fee.

Amount. In addition to those fees established and required by section 23-148, a sewer plant expansion fee shall be required to be paid prior to each sewer service connection to offset the cost of constructing increased treatment plant and collection system capacity or capital expenditures to retain current system capacity in accordance with the capital improvement plan of the City of Columbia. The costs of construction or expenditures to retain current system capacity shall include design and engineering costs, materials, labor and debt service on any bonds which may be issued to provide the intended plant capacity increase. The

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amount of the expansion fee for each connection shall be computed by multiplying the number of taps required for each application in accordance with section 23-148 times $2,640.00. Taps may be proportioned to the nearest tenth after the first whole tap for the purposes of calculating expansion fees.

Requested by:

City Manager

MAYOR

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ATTEST:

Erika D. Moore

City Clerk

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