

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER/SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND IRRIGATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024.**

**BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF THAT THE WATER/SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND IS AMENDED TO READ:**

**Rates will be effective for July 1, 2024 Billing Cycle.**

**Water and Sewer System**  
**Schedule of Rates and Fees**

**Water:**

| <b>Residential</b> |              | <b>In-Town</b> | <b>Out-Town</b> |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 0-2,000 Gallons    | Minimum      | \$15.12        | \$ 22.68        |
| 2,001 – 10,000     | Per Thousand | \$ 3.34        | \$ 3.84         |
| 10,001- & Above    | Per Thousand | \$ 3.45        | \$ 3.84         |
| <b>Commercial</b>  |              | <b>In-Town</b> | <b>Out-Town</b> |
| 0-2,000 Gallons    | Minimum      | \$ 17.66       | \$ 26.53        |
| 2,001-10,000       | Per Thousand | \$ 2.78        | \$ 3.32         |
| 10,001-50,000      | Per Thousand | \$ 2.97        | \$ 3.41         |
| 50,001-100,000     | Per Thousand | \$ 3.06        | \$ 3.50         |
| 100,001-200,000    | Per Thousand | \$ 3.10        | \$ 3.58         |
| 200,001- & Above   | Per Thousand | \$ 3.19        | \$ 3.63         |

**Sewer:**

| <b>Residential</b> |              | <b>In-Town</b> | <b>Out-Town</b> |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 0-2,000 Gallons    | Minimum      | \$ 26.20       | \$ 36.57        |
| 2,001-10,000       | Per Thousand | \$ 5.66        | \$ 8.12         |
| 10,001- & Above    | Per Thousand | \$ 5.66        | \$ 8.12         |

| <b>Commercial</b> |              | <b>In-Town</b> | <b>Out-Town</b> |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 0- 2,000 Gallons  | Minimum      | \$ 31.26       | \$ 39.99        |
| 2,001- 10,000     | Per Thousand | \$ 4.63        | \$ 5.70         |
| 10,001-50,000     | Per Thousand | \$ 4.90        | \$ 5.80         |
| 50,001-100,000    | Per Thousand | \$ 5.01        | \$ 5.91         |
| 100,001-200,000   | Per Thousand | \$ 5.11        | \$ 6.02         |
| 200,001- & Above  | Per Thousand | \$ 5.22        | \$ 6.12         |

**Irrigation Rates:**

Base Fee \$ 8.08 (Minimum Charge \$ 8.08)

Volumetric (gallons consumed) \$ 8.08 Per Thousand

**Treated Effluent Wastewater (Reclaimed Water Turf Irrigation) Rate:**

\$ 0.26 Per Thousand

**Wholesale Water and Sewer Rates: Can be approved by the Town Council as negotiated on a case-by-case basis.**

**Industrial Pre-Treatment Sewer Rates: Can be approved by the Town Council as negotiated on a case-by-case basis.**

|                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Cut-Off Fees:</b>                | <b>\$ 40.00</b>               |
| <b>Credit Card Convenience Fee:</b> | <b>2.45% of customer bill</b> |
| <b>Returned Check Fees*:</b>        | <b>\$ 30.00</b>               |
| <b>After Hours Service Fee:</b>     | <b>\$ 40.00</b>               |

**\*If the Town receives two (2) returned checks, the Town reserves the right to require customer to pay by cash, credit card or US Postal Service Money Order.**

**Deposits:**

|                        |             |                 |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Residential:</b> | <b>¾"</b>   | <b>\$125.00</b> |
|                        | <b>1"</b>   | <b>\$150.00</b> |
|                        | <b>1 ½"</b> | <b>\$150.00</b> |
|                        | <b>2"</b>   | <b>\$175.00</b> |

**2. All Others: An amount equal to two (2) months of the estimated monthly bill as determined by the SCDHEC Contributory Loading Schedule.**

**Rates for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC):**

**2024-2025**

**Water:** \$ 25,096 for the first 7,000,000 Gallons.  
\$ 3.12 per 1,000 gallons for all water used over 7,000,000.

**Sewer:** \$ 44,512 for the first 6,500,000 Gallons.  
\$ 6.94 per 1,000 gallons for all sewer used over 6,500,000.

**High Strength Waste Surcharge:** **BOD** \$0.472 per pound.  
**TSS** \$0.289 per pound.

**Water and Sewer Capacity Fees**

REU=Residential Equivalency Unit.  
GPD= Gallons Per Day.

Water REU= 400 GPD

Sewer REU= 300 GPD

**Water Capacity Fees:**

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| In-Town  | \$1,445.00 |
| Out-Town | \$1,445.00 |

**Sewer Capacity Fees:**

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| In-Town  | \$2,170.00 |
| Out-Town | \$2,170.00 |

**Water Tap Fees:**

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| ¾"   | \$ 1,196.00 |
| 1"   | \$ 1,258.00 |
| 1 ½" | \$ 1,820.00 |
| 2"   | \$ 2,132.00 |

**Ancillary Charges Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024**

**Project Development Fees:**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Plan Review (relieved for re-submits)       |                                     |
| < or = 150 REU                              | \$ 300.00                           |
| > 150 REU                                   | \$ 600.00                           |
| Residential Construction Inspection per REU | \$ 40.00                            |
| Commercial Construction Inspection per GPD  | \$ 0.10                             |
| Pressure Test                               | \$ 250.00 (failed test will require |
| additional fee)                             |                                     |

**Record Drawing Conversion to GIS**

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Per Project | \$ 500.00 |
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**Legal Documents**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Blanket Easement Recording                       | \$ 150.00 each |
| Specific Easement Recording                      | \$ 350.00 each |
| Pump Station Site Recording                      | \$ 350.00 each |
| Using "Non-Standard" Town of Ridgeland Documents | \$ 600.00 each |

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



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Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



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Penelope B. Daley, Clerk/Treasurer

Vote Record:

Mayor Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr.- Yes  
Mayor Pro Tem Thomas H. Rhodes-Yes  
Councilor Bill Fishburne-Yes  
Councilor Josephine Boyles-Yes  
Councilor Libby Malphrus-Yes