

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 18, CHAPTER 1,
SECTION 18-103 OF THE COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL CODE
WITH REFERENCE TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIA:

Section 1: That the Columbia Municipal Code, be amended by deleting in its entirety Section 18-103 and inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

18-103. Sewer service charge.

(1) All persons, firms or others whose property is located within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia and is accessible to the sanitary sewer system shall be required to pay monthly rates for the usage of said system, said rates for residential customers to be calculated and charged upon the lessor of (a) actual water consumption for said period or (b) 125 percent of the average water consumption for the months of November thru April. In the case of a new resident where no average for the customer is available, the average will be assumed to be twelve thousand (12,000) gallons.

(2) Rates shall apply as follows:

Effective June 1, 2011

User Charge within City Limits.....\$ 14.99 per month per service unit
User Charge outside City Limits.....\$ 24.00 per month per service unit
Volume Charge\$ 4.90 per thousand gallons of water

7.42 cents per 1000 gallons of the water volume charge shall be designated for the pretreatment program. A service unit shall be determined as the number of electrical meter boxes installed on the property of any person, corporation, firm or others that are users of the City of Columbia sewer system. One user charge shall be paid for each electrical meter installed on a user's property.

- (3) Sewer charges for all customers other than residential shall be based on the actual volume equal to the metered water consumption for said period.
- (4) Said rates shall be billed simultaneously with rates for water service, shall be subject to the same penalties for delayed payment as are imposed in the case of water bills, and shall be paid and collected in the same manner as water bills. Users will not be permitted to pay the water bill without simultaneous payment of the sewer bill, and in the event of nonpayment within thirty (30) days from the date of such bills, water service shall be discontinued in accordance with state and local regulations.
- (5) When a water leak or significant event occurs such that metered water does not enter the sewer and the volume exceeds 200 percent of the maximum monthly volume

during the past year or 30,000 gallons, then the director of wastewater may make an estimate of the appropriate adjustment at the director's discretion. No adjustment shall be made for a charge over six (6) months old nor may the director adjust for more than two charges for any one occurrence. Upon request, the customer shall provide any necessary documentation supporting the request for an adjustment.

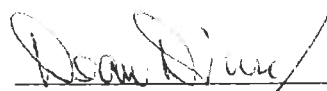
- (6) Special contracts may be negotiated with any user who discharges into the system sewage of such characteristics as to require additional treatment above that required for ordinary sewage. Said contracts shall contain such rates and charges as shall compensate the city for the additional costs involved.

Section 2: This Ordinance is passed after a public hearing held on the 17th day of March, 2011, with notice of said hearing being given in The Daily Herald of Columbia, Tennessee.

Section 3: That this Ordinance be published at least once in The Daily Herald of Columbia.

Section 4: That all Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,
TENNESSEE, this the 7th day of April, 2011.



DEAN DICKEY - MAYOR

ATTEST:



BETTY R. MODRALL - CITY RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



C. TIM TISHER - CITY ATTORNEY

Passed on 1st consideration: 02/17/2011

Passed on 2nd consideration: 03/03/2011

Passed on 3rd consideration: 04/07/2011