

ORDINANCE NO. 2581
(Amending Ordinance No. 2403)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND STORMWATER FEES
OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter, South Carolina (the "City") imposes fees and charges for certain activities of the City;

WHEREAS, the City has completed a comprehensive review of its stormwater fees ("Stormwater Fees");

WHEREAS, with respect to Stormwater Fees, City Council now finds and determines, as a fact, that additional revenues are required from such Stormwater Fees to allow the City to maintain and expand its stormwater system to serve the Sumter community;

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by S.C. Code § 48-14-120 to adopt fees "to fund overall [stormwater] program management, plan review, construction review, enforcement actions, and maintenance responsibilities," provided that such "fees must be based upon the costs to the implementing agency to implement and administer the program" pursuant to which it has established the Stormwater Fees;

NOW THEREFORE, CITY COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS, IN REGULAR MEETING DULY CALLED AND NOTICED, as follows:

- I. With respect to the Stormwater Fees, section 82-337 of the City Code, "Stormwater Service Charge Rates," is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

Stormwater service charge rates may be determined and modified from time to time by the city council so that the total revenue generated by said charges and any other sources of revenues or other resources allocated by the city council to the stormwater utility shall be sufficient to meet the cost of stormwater management services, systems, and facilities, including, but not limited to, the payment of principal and interest on debt obligations, operating expense, capital outlays, non-operating expense, provisions for prudent reserves, and other costs related to stormwater as deemed appropriate by the city council.

The current stormwater service charge rates are based on an equivalent residential unit ("ERU") of 3,000 square feet. Applying such ERU, the current monthly stormwater service charge rates are as set forth in the table below. Partial ERUs are to be rounded up to next whole ERU.

Range	Range of Tier (Sq. Ft.)	Billing Rate per Tier
RESIDENTIAL		
Tier 1	0 – 3,000	\$2.00
Tier 2	3,001 – 12,000	\$2.50
Tier 3	>12,000	\$3.00
COMMERCIAL		
Tier 1	0 – 9,000	ERU x \$2.50
Tier 2	9,001 – 30,000	\$7.50 + (\$0.70 x Number of ERUs over 3)
Tier 3	30,001 – 300,000	\$25.00 + (\$0.60 x Number of ERUs over 10)
Tier 4	>300,000	\$150.00 + (\$0.40 x Number of ERUs over 60)

Attachment A hereto shows the ranges of the Stormwater Fees, by tier, applicable after the amendments made pursuant to this Ordinance.

2. Except as specifically amended by this Ordinance and included on an Attachment hereto, all rates, fees, and charges currently imposed by the City shall remain in full force and effect.
3. This rates, fees, and charges established by this Ordinance shall be effective as of July 1, 2017.

[signatures appear on following page]

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June 20, 2017

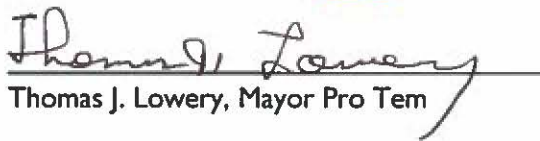
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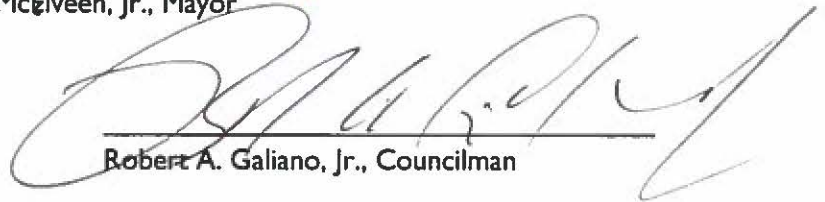
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First Reading: June 6, 2017

Second/Final Reading: June 20, 2017

ATTACHMENT A
STORMWATER FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Range	Range of Tier (Sq. Ft.)	Min. Fee in Tier		Max Fee in Tier	
RESIDENTIAL					
Tier 1	0 – 3,000	\$	2.00	\$	2.00
Tier 2	3,001 – 12,000	\$	2.50	\$	2.50
Tier 3	>12,000	\$	3.00	\$	3.00
COMMERCIAL					
Tier 1	0 – 9,000	\$	2.50	\$	7.50
Tier 2	9,001 – 30,000	\$	8.20	\$	12.40
Tier 3	30,001 – 300,000	\$	25.60	\$	79.00
Tier 4	>300,000	\$	166.40		None