

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING)
)) CHAPTER FIVE, ARTICLE II, § 5-213)
)) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES)
)) FOR THE TOWN OF FORT LAWN,)
COUNTY OF CHESTER) PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN)
)) SEWER FEES)

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law and the Town of Fort Lawn Code of Ordinances, § 5-206, providing for sewer charges to be fixed from time to time as deemed by Council; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the monthly fees be revised; and

WHEREAS, the Town has experienced deficits in the Sewer Fund the past 6 years; and

WHEREAS, an increase in sewer rates is required to provide adequate resources to operate the Town Sewer System;

AND WHEREAS, this increase is due to inadequate revenues sufficient to provide for Sewer System operational costs; because treatment costs have increased since January 2009; because the Town has an annual payment for a loan on the Sewer System in the amount of \$18,535 and because a Reserve Fund is required for loan repayment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Lawn, South Carolina, that Chapter 5, Article 2, § 5-213 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

ARTICLE II

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

§ 5-213 MONTHLY CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE

(a) The following rates will be in effect as of July 1, 2013 for all users of the Town sewer system:

Monthly Charge:

<u>Class of Customer</u>		<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Residential	First 2,000 gallons	\$25.30 minimum
	2,000 gallons and above	\$6.90 per 1,000 gal or portion
Commercial	First 8,000 gallons	\$65.55 minimum

	Over 8,000 gal to 27,000 gal	\$7.59 per 1,000 gal or portion
Industrial	27,000 gallons	\$206.43 minimum
	Over 27,000 gallons	\$7.94 per 1,000 gal or portion
Sewer customer only		\$25.88 minimum

Sewer fees for out-of-town residents or businesses who desire to connect to the sewer service are doubled the sewer fee for in-town users until the out-of-town user resident or business are annexed into the city limits according to Fort Lawn Town Code 5-206(a). When annexed, rates paid will be reduced to those above.

Rates may be changed from time to time as approved by Town Council.

(b) The Town charges the following fees as security deposits for use of the sewer system for in Town users and are considered as connection fees. These are not billed by the Town:

Residential customer:	\$40.00
Small business:	\$100.00
Large business:	\$200.00

Security deposits for out-of-town residents who desire to connect to the sewer service are double the security deposit for in-town users.

For the purpose of determining wastewater volume, the customer's metered water consumption as measured by Chester Metropolitan District will be used for those served by the District. The Town services non-Chester Metropolitan District customers whose meter will be read by Town staff and sent to the Chester Metropolitan District office for billing

The Town charges the following as tap-on fees which are payable to the Town Clerk currently total \$155.00 in non-refundable fees and for service by the Town Sewer System.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED:

Introduction and
First Reading May 7, 2013 Final Reading June 4, 2013

Mayor
John R. Rumford
John R. Rumford

Attest:
Lisa Revels
Lisa Revels, Town Clerk

ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2013.

Ordinance 5-227

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHESTER)

**An Ordinance, Providing For the Creation
of the Sewer Capital Reserve Project
Fee Fund.**

WHEREAS the State of South Carolina, in SC Code Section 5-31-900 provides that municipalities may enact all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations consistent with law for the establishment, construction, maintenance, operation, protection, use, control, and repairing of its system of sewerage, both within and without its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Lawn has adopted consistent with this state law ordinances concerning sewers and sewage disposal within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Article II, of Chapter 5 of Town Ordinances, in Section 5-213 defines monthly charges for sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Lawn has never provided a specific allocation of funds within the annual Sewer Budget for maintenance, and repair of the sewer system infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Lawn has experienced extensive repair and maintenance costs commencing January, 2009 which are not included in any annual Sewer Budget; and

WHEREAS, these repair costs have decreased the funds available for operational sewer expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer System is a distribution system with aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Sewer Capital Reserve Project Fund with funds received from fees dedicated and restricted only to repair and maintenance costs associated with the Sewer System operation, to possible future expansion or projects required for the sewer system will establish a method of payment for such costs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Lawn, South Carolina that on second reading of this Ordinance with conduct of a required Public Hearing the following fees shall take effect:

**SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE PROJECT FUND**

Monthly Fees:

<u>Class of Customer</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
Residential	\$4.00
Commercial	\$6.00
Industrial	\$8.00
Sewer Customers Only	\$4.00

Rates for out-of-town residents served by the Town Sewer System shall be charged the same fees as in-town residents.

For purposes of charging the fees, Chester Metropolitan District which provides sewage billing services for the Town will create a separate line on monthly water-sewer bills indentified as: Sewer Capital Reserve Project Fund Fee.

The fees collected shall be deposited by the Town Treasurer in the SC Local Government Investment Pool monthly with the balance in the Sewer Capital Reserve Project Fund clearly identified and accounted for.

This Ordinance shall be identified as Section 5-227 found in Chapter 5 of Town Ordinances, Article 2, and titled Sewer Capital Reserve Project Fund.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED:

Introduction and
First Reading August 5, 2014.

Second and Final Reading Sept 2, 2014.

John R. Purford
Mayor

Lisa B. Beach
Town Clerk

Adopted this 2 day of Sept, 2014.