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**CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ORDINANCE #2025-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPDATING AND REVISING ARTICLE II (“RATES AND CHARGES”) OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY SETTING LATER MONTHLY DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT AND DISCONNECTION, AND BY PROVIDING THAT SERVICES RATES BE SET BY AND IN THE CITY’S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.**

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**WHEREAS**, it appearing both necessary and appropriate to update portions of the 1979 City Code for the convenience and benefit of both customers and the City’s utility billing processes; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby found, decided, declared, and ordained by the City Council of the City of Liberty, South Carolina, duly assembled and with a quorum present, that:

1. Sec. 53.35(a) is updated and revised to read as follows:
  - (a) The standard water connection fee rate or rates shall be set in the annual City operating budget. If a new fee rate or rates are not expressly set in an annual budget, such rate or rates shall carry over from the last budget setting such a rate or rates.
  
2. Sec. 53-37 is updated and revised to read as follows:
  - (a) All meters shall be read once a month and each monthly bill shall become due and payable in its entirety on the 20th day of each month. Bills shall include, as part of the water bill due and payable, the monthly sewer charge, which is to be added thereto and collected as a part thereof.
  
  - (b) No water or sewer disposal service shall be furnished or rendered free of charge to any person, firm, or corporation. If the monthly bill is not paid on or before the 25th day of the month, a penalty, as established by the council, shall be added, and if any bill shall remain unpaid by the 28th day of the current month, all services to the user of such account shall forthwith be discontinued and receive a disconnection fee according to the procedures and guidelines established by the council and shall remain disconnected until such user shall have paid the entire current account balance, including penalties, along with the charge for reconnection and deposit if applicable.

IT IS SO ORDAINED this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Bailee Locke, Clerk of Council

  
Robbie Shoelenben, Mayor Pro Tem

First reading: 01/13/2025

Second reading: 02/10/2025