

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE II. RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 17-17, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER RATES SCHEDULE AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 17-18, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER RATES SCHEDULE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Chapter 17, ARTICLE II. Rates and Charges, Section 17-17 Relating to the establishment of water rates schedule, be amended as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Phenix City, Chapter 17, Article II, Section 17-18 relating to the establishment of sewer rates schedule, be amended as shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2015.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, it should not automatically void the remaining sections.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2015.

/s/ Eddie N. Lowe
MAYOR

/s/ Jim Cannon

/s/ Arthur Lee Day, Jr.
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

/s/ Charlotte L. Sierra
CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"
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ARTICLE II. RATES AND CHARGES

**SCHEDULE OF WATER SERVICE RATES
AND REGULATIONS OF
THE CITY OF PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA**

SECTION 17-17 – ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER RATE SCHEDULE

The following schedule of rates and regulations regarding the furnishing of water and sewer from the water system of the City is hereby established and declared to be effective upon passage, approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Phenix City:

METER RATES FOR WATER

Subject to the minimum charges herein after set forth, the following shall be the schedule of monthly charges for water furnished from the water system:

<u>Usage</u> (in Gallons or fractions thereof per month)	<u>Rate per 1000 Gallons</u>
First 3,000	\$3.55
Next 12,000	\$3.39
Next 35,000	\$3.11
Next 100,000	\$2.66
Next 350,000	\$2.40
Next 500,000	\$2.28
Next 1,000,000	\$2.14

Minimum monthly water bill shall be \$10.65

WHOLESALE WATER SALES TO OTHER UTILITY SYSTEMS

\$1.93 per 1,000 gallons

WATER TAP FEES

All fees will be based on the size of the water meter.

¾" or 5/8"	\$ 750.00
1"	\$1,000.00
1 ½"	\$1,500.00
2"	\$3,200.00
3" and larger	\$3,400.00 + cost of materials
Fire Line of 6" or larger	\$4,500.00 + cost of materials

Cost associated with connections larger than 3" will be determined after a field investigation and shall include labor and materials.

Plus a minimum charge of \$280.00 for breaking pavement, additional charges for cuts longer than 15 feet may apply.

For meter sizes greater than 10" the price shall be determined through an analysis of projected needs for the customer involved.

SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT FEES: WATER

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capacity Factor</u>	<u>System Development Charge</u>
¾"	1.00	\$ 2,000.00
1"	1.67	\$ 3,340.00
1 ½"	2.80	\$ 5,600.00
2"	5.33	\$ 8,000.00
3"	10.00	\$ 16,000.00
4"	15.60	\$ 25,000.00
6"	33.33	\$ 52,000.00
8"	53.24	\$ 83,000.00
10"	76.67	\$120,000.00

For meter sizes greater than 10" the price shall be determined through an analysis of the projected needs for the customer involved.

Fee where taps are being installed on existing lines more than 20 years old:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capacity Factor</u>	<u>System Development Charge</u>
¾"	1.00	\$ 1,000.00
1"	1.67	\$ 1,670.00
1 ½"	2.80	\$ 2,800.00
2"	5.33	\$ 4,000.00
3"	10.00	\$ 8,000.00
4"	15.60	\$12,500.00
6"	33.33	\$26,000.00
8"	53.24	\$41,500.00
10"	76.67	\$60,000.00

For meter sizes greater than 10" the price shall be determined through an analysis of projected needs for the customer involved.

METER SET AND/OR METER PIT

In cases where, at the time when application for water service is made, the service installation has been completed with the exception of the meter setting or meter setting and pit, and supply lines have been installed to such an extent that the meter can be set in the proper location, the charges for completing the meter and /or meter pit setting shall be:

	<u>Meter Set</u>	<u>Meter Pit</u>
¾"	\$ 450.00	\$ 40.00
1"	\$ 575.00	\$ 40.00
1 ½"	\$1,100.00	\$ 200.00
2"	\$2,900.00	\$ 200.00
3"	\$3,700.00	\$2,900.00
4"	\$4,800.00	\$5,300.00
6"	\$7,800.00	\$5,700.00
8"	\$8,600.00	\$6,900.00
10"	\$7,200.00 + Strainer Cost	\$7,600.00

For meter sizes greater than 10" the price shall be determined through an analysis of projected needs for the customer involved.

METER RESET CHARGE

In cases where, the service installation has been completed with the exception of the meter setting or meter setting and pit, and supply lines have been installed to such an extent that the meter can be set and a request is made to move or reset the location of the water meter, the charges for completion of the service installation shall be:

	<u>Meter Reset</u>	<u>Meter Pit</u>
¾"	\$ 625.00	\$ 40.00
1"	\$ 875.00	\$ 40.00
1 ½"	\$1,200.00	\$ 200.00
2"	\$3,100.00	\$ 200.00
3"	\$3,900.00	\$2,900.00
4"	\$5,100.00	\$5,300.00
6"	\$7,900.00	\$5,700.00
8"	\$8,900.00	\$6,900.00
10"	\$7,400.00 + strainer cost	\$7,600.00

For meter sizes greater than 10" the price shall be determined through an analysis of projected needs for the customer involved.

SERVICE FEE

Each new customer requesting garbage, water or sewer service from the system (regardless of whether the premises to which service is to be furnished had been previously connected with the system), shall pay to the City a connection fee to cover the cost of adding the customer to the system. Fees for connection shall be:

Full Service	\$100.00	(Water, Sewer, Garbage)
Water & Sewer	\$ 85.00	
Water Only	\$ 70.00	
Sewer Only	\$ 70.00	
Garbage Only	\$ 25.00	
Sprinkler System	\$ 45.00	

SPECIAL WATER SERVICE

Private Fire Protection

As consideration for the willingness of the City to provide standby water service for private fire protection, annual charges for provision of such services shall be as set forth herein below. Such charges shall be applicable where water is supplied to fire lines and/or sprinkler systems for fire protection purposes only, and under the following conditions:

- (1) The fire flow supply line is separate from any other water lines entering the establishment;
- (2) There are no cross-connections between fire protection and potable water systems with the establishment;
- (3) The fire flow supply line entering the establishment is not metered, and;
- (4) An approved backflow preventer is installed in the fire flow supply line entering the establishment.

Annual Rate

6" Fire flow connection	\$100.00 per year
8" Fire flow connection	\$200.00 per year
10" Fire flow connection	\$350.00 per year
12" Fire flow connection	\$500.00 per year

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS IN SUBDIVISION COMMON AREAS

In common areas for beautification projects the water tap fee will be reduced one-half of the listed costs of each size meter and the breaking pavement charge will not be added to the cost of the tap if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The project must be located in an R-1 zone and place in common areas of the subdivision and it must be for beautification projects only. Beautification shall mean any addition of shrubbery or grasses that require water on a continued basis for growth.
- (2) The tap application must be placed in the name of a responsible homeowner who agrees to be charged for the tap application fee, the deposit, the monthly water charges and any additional charges incurred.
- (3) The application will list two (2) other homeowners in that subdivision who will be responsible for the payment of any future bill that might occur in case the original owner moves out of the subdivision.

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ARTICLE II. RATES AND CHARGES

**SCHEDULE OF SEWER SERVICE RATES
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SECTION 17-18 – SANITARY SEWER CHARGES

A) Sewer Usage: The sewer usage fee shall be based on all water usage.

Sewer Usage Fees are as follows:

Per 1,000 Gallons of Water Usage	\$ 3.64
Minimum Charge	\$10.91
Maximum Residential Charge	\$36.40

There will be no Maximum Charge for Commercial or Industrial Use.

B) Sewer Tap Fees Where City Installs Tap:
Taps will be based on the size of the water meter.

¾" Meter	\$ 550.00
1" Meter	\$ 850.00
1 ½" Meter	\$1,200.00
2" Meter	\$2,300.00

Costs associated for larger taps will be determined after a field investigation and shall include labor and materials.

Plus a minimum charge of \$280.00 for breaking pavement, additional charges for cuts longer than 15 feet may apply.

C) Connection Fee Where Tap is Pre-stubbed By Developer:

Taps will be based on the size of the water meter.

¾" Meter	\$ 550.00
1" Meter	\$ 850.00
1 ½" Meter	\$1,200.00
2" Meter	\$2,300.00

D) System Development Fees:

4" Diameter	\$ 2,500.00
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All other fees will be based on the size of the water meter.

1"	\$ 4,200.00
1 ½"	\$ 8,750.00
2"	\$ 13,000.00
3"	\$ 25,000.00
4"	\$ 38,900.00
6"	\$ 83,200.00
8"	\$132,900.00
10"	\$191,400.00

Cost associated with larger connections will be determined after a field investigation and shall include labor and materials.

Plus a minimum charge of \$280.00 for breaking pavement, additional charges for cuts longer than 15 feet may apply.

For meter sizes greater than 10" the price shall be determined through an analysis of projected needs for the customer involved.

The following service charges will be assessed only if the problem is determined to be a plumbing malfunction on the customer's property.

Applicable Charges

Newly constructed sanitary lines – first time	No Charge
Each subsequent televising on an hourly basis	\$834.75
Service calls during normal working hours – per hour	\$ 80.00
Emergency service calls after hours – per hour	\$120.00

Fee where taps are being installed on existing lines more than 20 years old:

4" Diameter (5/8" or ¾" Meter) \$1,250.00

All other fees will be based on the size of the water meter.

1"	\$ 2,100.00
2"	\$ 6,650.00
3"	\$12,500.00
4"	\$19,450.00
6"	\$41,600.00
8"	\$66,450.00
10"	\$95,700.00

Cost associated with larger connections will be determined after a field investigation and shall include labor and materials.

E) Lift Station Surcharge: The surcharge fee will be based on dollars billed for sewer usage.

Lift Station Surcharge Fees are as Follows:

Per Dollar Billed for Sewer Usage	5%
Minimum monthly charge:	\$100.00

Any commercial, multi-family (> 4 Units) or industrial development requiring a new lift station that is taken over by the City to operate and maintain shall pay the applicable surcharge fee. Any lift station to be taken over by the City shall be designed to City specification. For said fee the City will assume responsibility for maintenance and repairs of the lift station.

Single family residential developments requiring a new lift station, must design said lift station to City specifications and will be taken over and operated by the City once dedicated to the City by the Developer.

Payment of Bills

All bills for water, garbage and sanitary sewer service shall be rendered monthly on the same statement, where more than one service is provided. Payment for each shall not be accepted separately, but shall be accepted on the same statement. Each bill for service shall be due when rendered, and delinquent twenty-one (21) days after due date. All bills not paid will be delivered to a service person with instructions to discontinue service. Upon discontinuance of service for non-payment of account, a reconnection fee, in addition to the delinquent bill and all other fees previously charged, must be paid before service is re-established. All reconnects shall be made only during working hour and no cut-offs will be made on Fridays, holidays, or the day before a holiday. If it has been necessary to discontinue the service, a reconnection fee will be required.

The following charges are applicable:

Return Check Fee	\$30.00
Reconnection Fee	\$75.00
Late or Delinquent Fee	10% of the charges for each service