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First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 39-20

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending Chapter 22 of the City Code relating to the calculation of monthly volume charges for residential sewer service; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 22-263. Charges for sewage service.

(a) There is hereby levied on each wastewater system user having any sewer connection with the wastewater system of the city or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial waste, or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the city's wastewater system, a sewage service charge. The sewage service charge shall have the following components:

- (1) Volume charge: Subject to the exceptions provided in this article, a volume charge shall be based upon the volume of water used in or on the premises as measured by a water or sewer meter approved by the city; provided, however, that if actual sewer service cannot reasonably be determined from the water or sewage so metered, whether due to defect, tampering or causes unknown, the amount of sewage, waste or waters discharged into such system shall be estimated and billed as provided for in section 27-19.
- (2) Base charge: A base charge will be charged for each user as follows:
  - a. One base charge shall be charged per residential user.
  - b. One base charge shall be charged per non-residential user for each meter. The nonresidential base charge shall be determined by the size of the water meter(s), starting with a base charge equal to a residential base

charge for meters five-eighths ( 5/8 ) inches and shall scale upwards based on the size of the meter.

- (3) Additional charges: Additional charges for extra strength sewage, toxic pollutants, and wastewater monitoring will be levied where applicable.

(b) ~~The monthly volume charges for residential classification shall be based on available water usage data during the calendar months of January, February and March to calculate an average monthly usage. If the residential customer does not have any available water usage data at the property address during the months of January, February or March, then the monthly volume charges will be set at the winter-quarter average consumption for the residential service class. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no residential customer shall be assigned a winter-quarter average of less than thirty-three (33) cubic feet (0.33 ccf) per month, the average monthly billing of water usage during the calendar months of November, December, January, February and March dropping out the highest and lowest usage months and rounded to two decimals. If the calculated average usage results in an average of less than one (1) CCF, the average will be recalculated using the water usage for the previous twelve (12) month billing periods, April through March, rounded to two decimals. If the residential user does not have the appropriate number of billing periods necessary for calculating a winter-quarter average, a minimum volume usage will be billed until a winter-quarter average can be established. The minimum volume usage charge will be calculated by using the average water usage for all residential city metered water customers, for the most recent months of November through March, removing the highest and lowest usage months and rounded to the nearest whole number. Winter-quarter average shall transfer to any residential customer who moves to a new residential address. The monthly volume charges for all other customers shall be based on one hundred (100) percent of the monthly metered water used, except as otherwise provided in this Code.~~

- (1) Sewage service charge rates. Each user of the wastewater system of the city shall pay a base charge and a volume charge for the use of such system monthly. Sewage service charges shall be based on the following rates:

Residential base charge ..... \$12.37

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor