

AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 AND SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001, THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE OF RIDGEWAY, TO MODIFY THE COST OF SERVICE TO ALL CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winnsboro has increased their water rates to the Town of Ridgeway, and the cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of water and sewer facilities has risen over the last year; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 11, 2015 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Fifteen and 10/100 (\$15.10) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Five and 17/100 (\$5.17) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Twenty and 10/100 (\$20.10) for the first 1000 gallons and Six and 42/100 (\$6.42) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Eighteen and 10/100 (\$18.10) for the first 1000 gallons and Five and 17/100 (\$5.17) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty-three and 10/100 (\$23.10) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Six and 42/100 (\$6.42) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 11, 2015 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Twelve and 10/100 (\$12.10) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Four and 52/100 (\$4.52) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Thirteen and 10/100 (\$13.10) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Five and 67/100 (\$5.67) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Sixteen and 10/100 (\$16.10) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 67/100 (\$4.67) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Sewer rates for Commercial customers OUTSIDE the town limits shall be

Nineteen and 10/100 (\$19.10) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Five and 67/100 (\$5.67) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

THE RATES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 2015.

DONE in Council this 10TH day of September, 2015.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

FIRST READING:

8/13/15

SECOND READING:

9/10/15

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 13, 2013 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Fifteen and 00/100 (\$15.00) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Five and 07/100 (\$5.07) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Twenty and 00/100 (\$20.00) for the first 1000 gallons and Six and 32/100 (\$6.32) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Eighteen and 00/100 (\$18.00) for the first 1000 gallons and Five and 07/100 (\$5.07) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty-three and 00/100 (\$23.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Six and 32/100 (\$6.32) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 13, 2013 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Twelve (\$12.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Four and 42/100 (\$4.42) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Thirteen (\$13.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Five and 57/100 (\$5.57) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Sixteen (\$16.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 57/100 (\$4.57) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

Sewer rates for Commercial customers OUTSIDE the town limits shall be Nineteen (\$19.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Five and 57/100 (\$5.57) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

THE RATES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 2014.

DONE in Council this 10th day of July, 2014.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

FIRST READING: 6/12/14
SECOND READING: 7/10/14

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WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 9, 2011 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Thirteen and 30/100 (\$13.30) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 65/100 (\$3.65) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Eighteen and 05/100 (\$18.05) for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 90/100 (\$4.90) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Sixteen and 30/100 (\$16.30) for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 65/100 (\$3.65) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty-one and 30/100 (\$21.30) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 90/100 (\$4.90) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 09, 2011 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Ten and 30/100 (\$10.30) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Two and 90/100 (\$2.90) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Eleven and 05/100 (\$11.05) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 15/100 (\$4.15) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Fourteen and 30/100 (\$14.30) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 15/100 (\$3.15) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

Sewer rates for Commercial customers OUTSIDE the town limits shall be Seventeen and 05/100 (\$17.05) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 15/100 (\$4.15) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

THE RATES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2012.

DONE in Council this 14 day of June, 2012.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

FIRST READING: 5/10/12
SECOND READING: 6/14/12

AMENDMENT
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WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 10, 2010 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Thirteen and 21/100 (\$13.21) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 56/100 (\$3.56) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Seventeen and 96/100 (\$17.96) for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 81/100 (\$4.81) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Sixteen and 21/100 (\$16.21) for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 56/100 (\$3.56) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty-one and 21/100 (\$21.21) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 81/100 (\$4.81) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on June 10, 2010 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Ten and 21/100 (\$10.21) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Two and 81/100 (\$2.81) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Ten and 96/100 (\$10.96) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 06/100 (\$4.06) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Fourteen and 21/100 (\$14.21) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 06/100 (\$3.06) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

Sewer rates for Commercial customers OUTSIDE the town limits shall be Sixteen and 96/100 (\$16.96) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 06/100 (\$4.06) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

THE RATES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2011.

DONE in Council this 9 day of June, 2011 .

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK:

FIRST READING: 5/12/2011

SECOND READING: 6/09/2011

AMENDMENT
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4, SECTION 5, AND SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001, THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE OF RIDGEWAY, TO MODIFY THE COST OF SERVICE TO ALL CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winnsboro has increased their water rates to the Town of Ridgeway, and the cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of water and sewer facilities has risen over the last year; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on July 9, 2009 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Thirteen and 02/100 (\$13.02) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 37/100 (\$3.37) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Seventeen and 77/100 (\$17.77) for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 62/100 (\$4.62) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Sixteen and 02/100 (\$16.02) for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 37/100 (\$3.37) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty-one and 02/100 (\$21.02) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 62/100 (\$4.62) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 5: Council hereby strikes Section 5 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on May 11, 2004 and insert the following:

Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the same month, said water user shall be charged a ten (10%) percent additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the next month (two months in arrears), shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A **non-payment fee** of Twenty-five (\$25) dollars, plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is restored, during business hours. A fee of Fifty (\$50) dollars will be charged for after hours re-connection. The Town reserves the right to take up to forty-eight (48) hours to restore service after disconnection due to limited personnel.

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on July 9, 2009 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Ten and 02/100 (\$10.02) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Two and 62/100 (\$2.62) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Ten and 77/100 (\$10.77) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 87/100 (\$3.87) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Fourteen and 02/100 (\$14.02) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Two and 87/100 (\$2.87) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Sewer rates for Commercial customers OUTSIDE the town limits shall be Sixteen and 77/100 (\$16.77) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 87/100 (\$3.87) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

THE RATES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2010.

DONE in Council this 10 day of June, 2010.

MAYOR:

TOWN CLERK

FIRST READING: 5/12/2010

SECOND READING: 6/10/2010

AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001
OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY.**

Ordinance Number 3-1001 of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, is hereby amended by changing the tap rates for water and sewer service contained in Section 2.

SECTION 2: Any resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, associated inside the town limits of Ridgeway who shall apply for water service shall be required to pay a tap fee of **Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars** to cover the cost of installing the water meter and a three-fourth (3/4") inch tap to the water system. For sizes over 3/4", the \$500 will be waived and the **full installation cost** will be paid by the customer. Any resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, association outside the town limits of Ridgeway who shall apply for water service shall be required to pay **Eight Hundred (\$800) Dollars** for installing a three-fourths (3/4") inch line; For a one (1") inch line the fee will be **Nine Hundred (\$900)**. If a bore is needed, customer will be responsible for cost plus 10%.

The Rates as specified in this ordinance shall take effect January, 2009.

DONE in Council this 11th day of December, 2008.

MAYOR: _____

TOWN CLERK _____

FIRST READING: 11/13/08

SECOND READING: 12/11/08

AMENDMENT
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 AND SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001, THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE OF RIDGEWAY, TO MODIFY THE COST OF SERVICE TO ALL CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winnsboro has increased their water rates to the Town of Ridgeway, and the cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of water and sewer facilities has risen steadily over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the Town has not changed its water and sewer rates for a period longer than three years; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on March 08, 2005 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Twelve and 75/100 (\$12.75) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 10/100 (\$3.10) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Seventeen and 50/100 (\$17.50) for the first 1000 gallons and four and 35/100 (\$4.35) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Fifteen and 75/100 (\$15.75) for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 10/100 (\$3.10) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty and 75/100 (\$20.75) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 35/100 (\$4.35) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on March 08, 2005 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Nine and 75/100 (\$9.75) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Two and 35/100 (\$2.35) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Ten and 50/100 (\$10.50) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 60/100 (\$3.60) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Thirteen and 75/100 (\$13.75) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Two and 60/100 (\$2.60) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Sewer rates for Commercial customers OUTSIDE the town limits shall be Sixteen and 50/100 (\$16.50) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 60/100 (\$3.60) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

THE RATES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT APRIL 1, 2008.

DONE in Council this 12th day of March, 2008.

MAYOR: _____

TOWN CLERK _____

FIRST READING: 2-21-08

SECOND READING: 3-12-08

AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001 OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY.

Ordinance Number 3-1001 of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, is hereby amended by changing the tap rates for water and sewer service contained in Section 2.

SECTION 2: Any resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, associated inside the town limits of Ridgeway who shall apply for water service shall be required to pay a tap fee of **Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars** to cover the cost of installing the water meter and a three-fourth ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") inch tap to the water system. If the tap requires a **bore** under the road the tap fee will be **One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty (\$1350) Dollars**. For sizes over $\frac{3}{4}$ ", the \$500 will be waived and the **full installation cost** will be paid by the customer. Any resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, association outside the town limits of Ridgeway who shall apply for water service shall be required to pay **Eight Hundred (\$800) Dollars** for installing a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") inch line and **One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty (\$1350) Dollars** if the tap requires a **bore**; For a one (1") inch line the fee will be **Nine Hundred (\$900) Dollars** and **One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty (\$1450) Dollars** if the line requires a **bore**.

The Rates as specified in this ordinance shall take effect April 1, 2008.

DONE in Council this 21st day of February, 2008.

MAYOR: _____

TOWN CLERK _____

FIRST READING: 2/13/08

SECOND READING: 2/21/08

AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 AND SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE
NUMBER 3-1001, THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE OF RIDGEWAY,
TO MODIFY THE COST OF SERVICE TO ALL CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winnsboro has increased their water cost to the Town of Ridgeway, and the cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of water and sewer facilities has risen steadily over the last three and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, the Town has not changed its water and sewer rates for a period longer than three and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFOARE BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 1. Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on July 24, 2001 and insert the following:

"Section 4. RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN TOWN LIMIT shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Twelve and 25/100 (12.25) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 00/100 for each 1000 gallons overage. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN limits shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Seventeen and 00/100 Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and four and 25/100 dollars (\$4.25) for each one thousand gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER Customers within the town limit shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Fifteen and 25/100 (\$15.25) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 00/100 (\$3.00) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Commercial water customers OUTSIDE the town limit shall pay Twenty and 00/100 (\$20.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 25/100 (\$4.25) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage."

SECTION 2. Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on July 24, 2001 and inserts the following;

"Section 6. RATES for SEWER for RESIDENTIAL customer within the Town limits shall be Nine and 25/100 (\$9.25) Dollars for the first one thousand (1000) gallons and all overage shall be Two and 25/100 (\$2.25) Dollars per 1000 gallons. Rates for sewer for residential customers OUTSIDE the Town limits shall be Ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Three and 50/100 (\$3.50) Dollars per one thousand (1000) gallons.

RATES for sewer for COMMERCIAL customers WITHIN the Town limits shall be Thirteen and 25/100 (\$13.25) Dollars for the first one thousand (1000) gallons and all over one thousand gallons shall be Two and 50/100 (\$2.50) Dollars per one thousand gallons. Rates for sewer for commercial customers OUTSIDE the Town limits shall be Sixteen and 00/100 (\$16.00) Dollars for the first one thousand (1000) gallons and all overage shall be Three and 50/100 (\$3.50) Dollars per one thousand gallons.

SECTION 3: The rates as specified in this ordinance shall take affect April 1, 2005.

DONE in Council this 8th day of March, 2005.

MAYOR:

TOWN CL

FIRST READING: 2-08-05

SECOND READING: 3-8-05

AMENDMENT
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 AND SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001, THE WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE OF RIDGEWAY, TO MODIFY THE COST OF SERVICE TO ALL CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in meeting duly assembled.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winnsboro has increased their water rates to the Town of Ridgeway, and the cost of construction, maintenance, and operation of water and sewer facilities has risen over the last year; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires the costs of water and sewer services to be born by the users rather than subsidized through property tax;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

SECTION 4: Council hereby strikes Section 4 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on March 12, 2008 and insert the following:

“RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMIT Shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Twelve and 94/100 (\$12.94) Dollars for the first one thousand gallons and Three and 29/100 (\$3.29) for each additional 1000 gallons. Each water customer OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS shall pay a minimum monthly charge of Seventeen and 69/100 (\$17.69) for the first 1000 gallons and four and 54/100 (\$4.54) for each additional 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of Fifteen and 94/100 (\$15.94) for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 29/100 (\$3.29) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE the town limits shall pay Twenty and 94/100 (\$20.94) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Four and 54/100 (\$4.54) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.”

SECTION 6: Council hereby strikes Section 6 of Ord. 3-1001, as last amended on March 12, 2008 and insert the following:

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES for customers within the town limits shall be Nine and 94/100 (\$9.94) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and all overage shall be Two and 54/100 (\$2.54) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage. Rates for residential customers OUTSIDE the town limits Ten and 69/100 (\$10.69) Dollars for the first 1000 gallons and Three and 79/100 (\$3.79) Dollars for each 1000 gallons overage.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 3-1001 OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY,
SOUTH CAROLINA.**

Ordinance Number 3-1001 of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, is hereby amended by changing the deposit fee for water/sewer service and reconnection fee contained in Section 3 and 5.

SECTION 3: **DEPOSIT** fee for water and sewer services inside and outside the Town limits shall be Thirty (\$30) for *homeowners* and Seventy-Five (\$75) for persons renting property.

SECTION 5: **FAILURE** of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the same month, said water user shall be charged a ten (10%) percent additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the next month (two months in arrears), shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service. The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A fee of **Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars**, plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is restored, during business hours. A fee of **Fifty (\$50) Dollars** will be charged for after hours re-connection. The Town reserves the right to take up to forty-eight (48) hours to restore service after disconnection due to limited personnel.

DONE in Council this 11th day of May 2004.

MAYOR:


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TOWN CLERK



FIRST READING: APRIL 13, 2004

SECOND READING: MAY 11, 2004

AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 3-1001 OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ordinance Number 3-1001 of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, is hereby amended by changing the deposit fee for water/sewer service and reconnection fee contained in Section 3 and 5.

SECTION 3: **DEPOSIT** fee for water and sewer services inside and outside the Town limits shall be Thirty (\$30) for *homeowners* and Seventy-Five (\$75) for persons renting property.

SECTION 5: **FAILURE** of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the same month, said water user shall be charged a ten (10%) percent additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the next month (two months in arrears), shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service. The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A fee of **Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars**, plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is restored, during business hours. A fee of **Fifty (\$50) Dollars** will be charged for after hours re-connection. The Town reserves the right to take up to forty-eight (48) hours to restore service after disconnection due to limited personnel.

DONE in Council this 11th day of May 2004.

MAYOR: _____

TOWN CLERK _____

FIRST READING: APRIL 13, 2004

SECOND READING: MAY 11, 2004

ORDINANCE

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF WATER AND SEWER AND TO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR THE SAME IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Wardens in Council Meeting.

SECTION 1 ANY resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, association within and outside the Town limits of Ridgeway shall have the privilege of applying for service from the water department of the Town of Ridgeway.

SECTION 2

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SECTION 5

FAILURE of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the same month, said water user shall be charged a ten (10%) percent additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the next month (2 months, 10 days behind), shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service. The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A fee of ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) Dollars, plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is restore, during business hours. A fee of Twenty and 00/100 (\$20.00) Dollars will be charged for after hours re-connection.

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RATES for sewer for residential customers within the Town limits shall be Eight and 50/100 (\$8.50) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be One and 50/100 (\$1.50) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons. Rates for sewer for residential customers outside the Town limits shall be Nine and 00/100 (\$9.00) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be Two and 50/100 (\$2.50) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

RATES for sewer for commercial customers within the Town limits shall be Twelve and 50/100 (\$12.50) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be One and 75/100 (\$1.75) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons. Rates for sewer for commercial customers outside the Town limits shall be Fifteen and 00/100 (\$15.00) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be Two and 50/100 (\$2.50) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

CUSTOMERS outside the Town limits shall bear the entire cost of labor and materials for connecting to the sewer system.

SECTION 7.

If it is found that any customer of the Town has received or accepted any service from the utility department for a compensation greater or lesser than that incurred by the customer for the actual service rendered, then the method of adjustment for such overcharge or undercharge shall be as follows:

A. Fast or slow meter

If the overcharge or undercharge is the result of a fast or slow meter, then:

- (1) In case of a disputed account, involving the accuracy of a meter, such meter shall be tested upon request of the customer. If the meter is accurate the customer will bear the cost of the test [For the purposes of this section a meter is accurate when the overall error of the equipment and test procedures do not exceed three (3) percent]. If the meter is not accurate The bill will be increased or decreased accordingly, but in no case shall such a correction be made for more than 12 billing periods prior to determination of meter error.

B. Customer inadvertently overcharged.

If the Town has inadvertently overcharged a customer because of misapplied schedule, an error in reading the meter, a skipped meter reading, or any other human or machine error, the Town shall at the option of the customer credit or refund the excess amount paid by the customer as follows:

- (1) If the interval during which the customer was overcharged can be determined, then the town shall credit or refund the excess amount charged.
- (2) If the interval during which the customer was overcharged cannot be determined then the Town will credit or refund the excess amount charged during the last twelve (12) month period preceding the date when the billing error was

discovered.

- (3) If the exact usage and/or demand incurred by the customer during the billing period subject to adjustment can not be determined, then the refund shall be based upon an estimate of usage and/or demand.

C. Customer inadvertently undercharged

If the Town has undercharged any customer as a result of a misapplied schedule, an error in reading the meter, a skipped meter reading, or any human or machine error, the Town may recover the deficient amount as follows:

- (1) If the interval during which customer was undercharged can be determined, then the Town may collect the deficient amount incurred during the interval period up to a maximum of 12 billing periods.
- (2) If the interval during which a customer was undercharged cannot be determined then the Town may collect the deficient amount incurred during the 12 billing periods preceding the date when the billing error was discovered by the Town.
- (3) The customer will be allowed to pay the deficient amount in equal installments added to the regular monthly bill, over the same number of billing periods which occurred during the interval the customer was subject to pay the deficient amount.
- (4) If the usage and/or demand incurred by the person during the billing periods subject to adjustment cannot be determined, then the adjustment shall be based on the average registration of the meter over a 12 month period when the meter was in order.

D. Customer undercharged because of fraud or misrepresentation.

If the Town has undercharged any customer because of the customer's fraudulent

actions, such as tampering with, or bypassing the meter, or because the customer has willfully misrepresented a material fact resulting in an undercharge, or it is shown that the customer is aware of fraudulent or illegal action by another person, such as tampering or bypassing the meter and it is evident that tampering or bypassing benefits the customer, or it is evident that a customer has knowledge of being undercharged without notifying the Town, then the Town will recover the deficit as follows:

(1) If the interval during which the customer was undercharged can be determined, then the Town shall collect the deficient amount incurred during the entire interval.

(2) if the interval which the customer was undercharged cannot be determined, then the Town shall collect the deficient amount incurred during the 12 billing periods preceding the date when the billing error was discovered by the Town.

(3) If the usage and/or demand incurred by that customer during the billing periods subject to the adjustment cannot be determined, then the adjustment shall be based on an appropriate estimate usage and/or demand.

(4) In addition to the above, if the metering equipment has been removed or damaged, then town shall collect the estimated cost of repairing and/or replacing such equipment.

DONE in Council this 12 day of September 1995.

Mayor: _____

TOWN CL _____

1st reading August 15, 1995
2nd reading Sept. 12, 1995

**ORDINANCE
TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001**

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF WATER AND SEWER AND TO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR THE SAME IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Wardens in Council Meeting.

SECTION 1 ANY resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, association within and outside the Town limits of Ridgeway shall have the privilege of applying for service from the water department of the Town of Ridgeway.

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Deposit fees will not be transferred but will be returned to the resident, person or persons, business, firm, corporation, or association in whose name the account is listed after first

applying such deposit to the final bill for service or any moneys due the Town of Ridgeway.

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SECTION 5 FAILURE of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the same month, said water user shall be charged a ten (10%) percent additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth day of the next month (2 months, 10 days behind), shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service. The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A fee of ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) Dollars, plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is restore, during business hours. A fee of Twenty and 00/100 (\$20.00) Dollars will be charged for after hours re-connection.

SECTION 6 RATES for sewer for residential customers within the Town limits shall be Eight and 50/100 (\$8.50) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be One and 50/100 (\$1.50) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons. Rates for sewer for residential customers outside the Town limits shall be Nine and 00/100 (\$9.00) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be Two and 50/100 (\$2.50) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

RATES for sewer for commercial customers within the Town limits shall be Twelve and 50/100 (\$12.50) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be One and 75/100 (\$1.75) Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons. Rates for sewer for commercial customers outside the Town limits shall be Fifteen and 00/100 (\$15.00) Dollars for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons and all over one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be Two and 50/100 (\$2.50)

Dollars per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

CUSTOMERS outside the Town limits shall bear the entire cost of labor and materials for connecting to the sewer system.

DONE in Council this 9 day of March, 1993.

Mayor: [Signature]

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ORDINANCE
TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001 OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ordinance Number 3-1001 of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, is hereby amended by changing the water and sewer rates and tap-on charges contained in Section 2, 3, 4, and 6 and inserting the following rates and charges therefore:

SECTION 2 ANY resident, business, firm, corporation, association, person, or persons INSIDE THE TOWN who shall apply for water service shall be required to pay a connection fee of \$250 to cover cost of installing the water meter and 3/4 inch tap to the water system (SIZES OVER 3/4" THE \$250 TAP FEE WILL BE WAIVED AND THE FULL COST WILL BE PAID BY THE CUSTOMER) and \$400 for a 3/4 INCH line and \$500 for a ONE-INCH line for residents OUT OF TOWN.

SECTION 3 DEPOSIT fee of \$30 for HOME OWNERS and \$50 for RENTERS in the town or outside the town.

SECTION 4 RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMERS WITHIN the Town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) for the first 1000 gallons and two dollars and twenty-five (\$2.25) for each 1000 gallons overage. Each water customer OUT SIDE THE TOWN limits shall pay a minimum monthly charge of \$16.00 for the first 1000 gallons and three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) for each 1000 gallons overage.

SECTION 6

RESIDENTIAL IN-TOWN SEWER rates for the Town customers shall be eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) for the first 1,000 gallons and all over 1,000 is one dollars and fifty cents (\$1.50) per 1,000 gallons. OUT OF TOWN customers shall be nine (\$9.00) dollars for the first 1,000 gallons and all over 1,000 is two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per 1,000 gallons.

COMMERCIAL SEWER rates IN TOWN will be twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) for the first 1,000 gallons and all over 1,000 will be one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75). OUT OF TOWN sewer rates will be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars for the first 1,000 gallons and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per 1,000 gallons overage.

OUT OF TOWN residents will bear the entire cost of labor and materials for connecting to the SEWER SYSTEM.

DONE in Council 9th day of March, 1993.

Mayor: ✓

Councilman ✓

Councilman ✓

Councilman ✓

Councilman J.

1st Reading: _____

2nd Reading: March 9, 1993

3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF WATER AND SEWER AND TO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR THE SAME IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Wardens in Council Meeting.

SECTION 1 ANY resident, person or persons, business, firm corporation association within and outside the Town limits of Ridgeway shall have the privilege of applying for service from the water department of the Town of Ridgeway.

SECTION 2 ANY resident, business, firm, corporation, association, person, or persons who shall apply for water service after this date shall be required to pay a connection fee of \$250.00 to cover cost of installing the water meter and connection to the water system in town, and \$250.00 out of Town.

SECTION 3 Deposit fee for water and sewer services in the Town of Ridgeway shall be:

- a) For persons, businesses, firms, or corporations owning the real property for which water and sewer services are requested: \$30.00
- b) For persons, businesses, firms or corporations renting the facilities for which water and sewer services are requested: \$50.00

Deposit fees will not be transferred but will be returned to the person, business, firm, or corporation in whose name the account is listed after first applying such deposit to the final bill for service or any moneys due the Town of Ridgeway.

SECTION 4 EACH water user within the Town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of \$7.50. Each water user outside the Town limits shall pay a minimum monthly charge of \$10.50. The minimum charge in both instances shall cover the cost of water used up to

one thousand (1,000) gallons. Water in excess of the one thousand gallons shall be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 per thousand gallons for in town users and \$1.25 per thousand gallons for out of Town users. There is an additional \$2.00 for all commercial water users.

SECTION 5

FAILURE of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth of the same month shall be charged a 10% additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth of the next month (2 mths., 10 days behind) shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service. The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is resumed, during business hours. A fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars will be charged for after hours connection.

SECTION 6

THE residential sewer rates for the Town of Ridgeway shall be six (\$6.00) for the first 1,000 gallons and all over 1,000 is one (\$1.00) per 1,000 gallons. Commercial rates will be ten (\$10.00) dollars for the first 1,000 gallons and one (\$1.00) dollar for each 1,000 gallons over. The minimum charge will

be six (\$6.00) dollars for residence and ten (\$10) dollars commercial. Water connection fee will be \$250.00 and Sewer connection fee will be \$250.00 in town. Water connection fee will be \$250.00 and Sewer connection fee will be \$250.00 out of town.

DONE in Council 8 day of June, 1992.

Mayor:

Attested:

Clerk

1st Reading: 6/8/92

Second Reading: not required by 5-7-260

AN ORDINANCE
TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE NUMBER: 3-1001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-1001 OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ordinance Number 3-1001 of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, is hereby amended by striking the language contained in Section 3 in its entirety and inserting the following language therefore:

Section 3. Deposit fee for water and sewer services in the Town of Ridgeway shall be:

- a) For persons, businesses, firms, or corporations owning the real property for which water and sewer services are requested: \$30.00
- b) For persons, businesses, firms or corporations renting the facilities for which water and sewer services are requested: \$50.00

Deposit fees will not be transferred but will be returned to the person, business, firm, or corporation in whose name the account is listed after first applying such deposit to the final bill for service or any moneys due the Town of Ridgeway.

Signed and sealed this 9th day of June, 1992.

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June 9, 1992
First Reading

Second Reading Not required by 5-7-260
Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF WATER AND SEWER AND TO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR THE SAME IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Wardens in Council Meeting.

SECTION 1 ANY resident, person or persons, business, firm corporation association within and outside the Town limits of Ridgeway shall have the privilege of applying for service from the water department of the Town of Ridgeway.

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SECTION 3 DEPOSIT fee of \$30.00 per customer.

SECTION 4 EACH water user within the Town limits shall pay a monthly minimum charge of \$7.50. Each water user outside the Town limits shall pay a minimum monthly charge of \$10.50. The minimum charge in both instances shall cover the cost of water used up to one thousand (1,000) gallons. Water in excess of the one thousand gallons shall be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 per thousand gallons for in town users and \$1.25 per thousand gallons for out of Town users. There is an additional \$2.00 for all commercial water users.

SECTION 5 FAILURE of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth of the same month shall be charged a 10% additional late fee. Failure of the water user to pay the water bill as presented by the tenth of the next month (2 mths., 10 days behind) shall cancel the right of the water user to continued service. The water shall be cut off by the official representative of the water department. A fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars plus the total amount of the bill due shall be paid before water service is resumed, during business hours. A fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars will be charged for after hours connection.

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Commercial rates will be ten (\$10.00) dollars for the first 1,000 gallons and one (\$1.00) dollar for each 1,000 gallons over. The minimum charge will be six (\$6.00) dollars for residence and ten (\$10) dollars commercial. Water connection fee will be \$250.00 and Sewer connection fee will be \$250.00 in town. Water connection fee will be \$250.00 and Sewer connection fee will be \$250.00 out of town.

DONE in Council ___ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE TOWN CLERK WITH AUTHORITY TO HEAR COMPLAINTS OF ERRONEOUS UTILITY BILLS, TO REVIEW DISPUTED UTILITY BILLS AND TO RECTIFY ERRORS: TO PROVIDE A METHOD OF HEARINGS AND METHOD OF APPEALS.

WHEREAS IT APPEARS FROM THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT CASE MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS AND WATER DIVISION vs CRAFT THAT some person must be designated to consider complaints concerning erroneous utility bills, to review disputed utility bills, and to rectify errors in utility bills prior to cut off.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Town of Ridgeway in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same that:

SECTION 1 THAT the Ridgeway Town Clerk/Treasurer is hereby designated to hear all complaints concerning erroneous utility bill, with power to review disputed utility bills and with power to rectify errors.

SECTION 2 PRIOR to the cut off of any utility for non payment of bill, the Town Clerk shall notify the customer by enclosing a cut-off notice along with billing. Such notice shall provide that if the customer fails to request in writing such review within five (5) days of the delivery of such notice that a cut off will be ordered without further notice. Such notice shall further provide notice of where, during what hours of the day and before whom disputed utility bills will be considered. Such notice shall further give notice of the method of appeal provided for hereinafter.

SECTION 3 THE TOWN COUNCIL Shall hear and determine at regular or special meetings, all appeals from decision of the Town Clerk. Requests for appeals must be made in writing to the Town Clerk within ten (10) days following the Clerks's decision.

SECTION 4 NO CUT OFF shall be made for ten (10) days after the decision of the Clerk/Treasurer, or, if an appeal is requested until the determination of the appeal by Council.

Done in Council this ____ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTIONS WITH WATER WORKS OR ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WATER SYSTEM SEWER SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council, Town of Ridgeway, in meeting assembled:

SECTION 1 IT shall be unlawful for any person to make a connection with the water supply or sewer system of the Town of Ridgeway unless such connection be authorized by proper officials and user shall pay for same at regular rates.

SECTION 2 IT shall be unlawful for any person to connect to a source of power owned by another person, corporation or firm without first obtaining permission from the proper owners of said source of power.

SECTION 3 IT shall be unlawful for any person to by-pass any water meter or electric meter or gas meter in the Town of Ridgeway.

SECTION 4 NO person other than the duly authorized agent of the Town of Ridgeway shall turn on or attempt to restore water service to any house, store, lot, structure, after the same has been cut off for non payment of bills or non-compliance with the valid ordinances of the Town.

SECTION 5 NO person other than the official representative of the corporation, firm or persons owning a power company shall restore or attempt to restore power service to any house, store, lot, structure, after said power or services has been discontinued for non payment of bills.

SECTION 6 ANY person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than ten (\$10.00) Dollars and not more than fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, within the discretion of the Mayor.

DONE in Council ____ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading:
Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO PRESCRIBE PUNISHMENT FOR ILLEGAL AND IMPROPER USE OF WATER TAKEN FROM THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council, Town of Ridgeway, in meeting assembled:

- SECTION 1 IT shall be unlawful for any person, firm or other corporation to use water from said Town water works for any purpose other than that stated in application for water, or to supply water to others without the consent of said Town, through the Mayor or Council.
- SECTION 2 IT shall be unlawful for any person to defile or pollute or attempt to defile or pollute the water in any tank, cistern, pipe or source of supply for the water works of the Town of Ridgeway.
- SECTION 3 IT shall be unlawful for any person to break, mar, deface or otherwise injure the buildings, structures, machinery, pipes, hydrants, valves or fixtures or property of the water works of the Town of Ridgeway.
- SECTION 4 NO person shall take water from any hydrant, fire plug or public water source for any purpose whatever without express permission from the Mayor or Town Council.
- SECTION 5 ANY person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days.

DONE this ____ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____
Clerk

1st Reading: .

Second Reading:

3-1005

AN ORDINANCE TO LIMIT THE AREA WHERE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA MAY BE USED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT FOR USE OF SAID EQUIPMENT IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Wardens, in Council assembled.

SECTION 1 THAT the fire engine and fire fighting equipment of the Town of Ridgeway may be used to assist in putting out fires within a radius of one mile from the Town limits, provided that a member of the police force or fire department shall be on duty at the fire department headquarters during such time as the firemen and equipment shall be on call outside the Town limits and shall be ready to carry word immediately to the fire department in the event of any emergency within the Town limits.

SECTION 2 Provided, that in the event of fire emergency within the area prescribed in Section 1 of this Ordinance, the fire department may answer the call provided the owner of the property or a responsible person shall give assurance that the cost of answering the call for help will be paid to the Town Clerk, Town of Ridgeway.

SECTION 3 ANY person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, within the discretion of the Mayor.

DONE in Council this ____ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____

Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE GREASE, RAGES, TRASH, ANY AND ALL FOREIGN MATTER, (LIQUIDS AND/OR SOLIDS) FROM BEING DISCHARGED INTO THE TOWNS SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Wardens of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, in council assembled:

- SECTION 1 IT shall be unlawful for anyone to discharge any type of matter into the town sewer system other than the normal household waste.
- SECTION 2 ANY users of the Town Sewer System discharging other than household waste into the system may be required to have a "TRAP" to catch the other than normal waste.
- SECTION 3 THE sewer "traps" may be of any size; however, they must be kept clean and operative at all times.
- SECTION 4 ALL 'Sewer Traps' must be located in such place and manner that they may be inspected by the Town of Ridgeway's Sewer Department.
- SECTION 5 AS it is of extreme importance that excessive grease, rages, trash, liquids other-than=water not reach the Waste Water Treatment Plant; any user of the system discharging such into the system will be responsible for and required to pay for damages and cost required to re-establish the normal working of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- SECTION 6 FAILURE to keep Sewer Traps clean and operative may be, upon conviction, punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per day.
- SECTION 7 THE discharge of other than normal sewer into the system, upon conviction, will be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per day.

Done in Council this ____ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____

Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Ridgeway (Council) proposes to improve and extend its existing waterworks and sewer system (system) and to finance a part of the cost thereof with the proceeds of an issue of \$204,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds of the Town of Ridgeway, South Carolina, whose issuance has been provided for by "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TWO HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$204,000) WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO" adopted by the Council on March 7, 1978; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Council establish a new rate schedule for all services rendered by the System in order that it might fulfill its covenants that the rates and charges for the services and facilities afforded by the System as thus improved shall be sufficient to discharge the obligations of the Town made in connection with the issuance of the above bonds; and

WHEREAS, Council has therefore determined that it should make mandatory the use of the public water system and the sewage disposal facilities of the System by all residences and other buildings located within 250 feet of any water main or sewer collector line; and

WHEREAS, by reason for the foregoing, Council adopts this ordinance for the following purposes:

1. To prescribe a schedule of rates and charges for the services and facilities of the System; and
2. To make mandatory the use of the System by those to whom such facilities are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1 The facts set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance have been carefully investigated and are found to be in all respects correct.

SECTION 2 Every residence or other building which is located within 250 feet of any water main or within 250 feet of any sewer collector line shall be connected thereto and shall utilize the same for water and for the disposal of all sewage or other waste originating on said premises. Such connections shall be forthwith made and for the purposes of the penal provisions of this Ordinance, each date during which such building shall not be connected to such

water main or collector line, shall be a separate offence and punishable as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3

Until changed pursuant to action of the council , or pursuant to any covenant made by Council, the following shall be the schedule of monthly rates or charges for the water services afforded by the System, viz:

METERED WATER RATES INSIDE TOWN:

Minimum monthly charge:	\$3.00 (allow 3,000 gallons)
All over 3,000 gallons at:	.50 per 1,000 gallons

METERED WATER RATES OUTSIDE TOWN:

Minimum monthly charge:	\$6.00 (allow 3,000 gallons)
All over 3,000 gallons at:	.50 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 4

Until changed pursuant to action of Council, or pursuant to any covenant made by said Council, the charge for sewer service afforded by the System shall be as follows:

First 3,000 gallons for \$6.00 (residential)
First 3,000 gallons for \$9.00 (commercial)
All over 3,000 gallons for \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 5

The charge for sewer service shall be added to the water bill and shall be collected as a part thereof.

SECTION 6

No water or sewer disposal service shall be furnished or rendered free of charge to any person, firm or corporation.

SECTION 7

All meters shall be read once a month and each monthly bill shall become due and payable in its entirety on the 10th day of each month. If bills are not paid within ten days thereafter, a penalty of 10% shall be added, and if any bill shall remain unpaid by the 10th of the following month, all service to such user shall be forthwith discontinued and shall remain discontinued until such user shall have paid his past due bill and a reconnection charge of \$5.00.

SECTION 8

For each new domestic water connection , inside and outside of Town, the person or firm applying for water service shall pay as a tap-in or cut-in fee the sum of One Hundred Dollars prior to the completion of the improvements to the System, and shall pay as a tap-in or cut-in fee the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars subsequent to the completion of the improvements to the System.

SECTION 9

For each new sewer connection inside Town, the person or firm applying for sewer service shall pay as a tap-in or cut-in fee the sum of Fifty Dollars prior to the completion of the improvements to the System, and shall pay as a tap-in or cut-in fee the sum of One Hundred Dollars subsequent to the completion of the improvements to the System.

SECTION 10

Each new customer obtaining a water connection shall make a deposit of Ten Dollars to secure the payment of the bills to be rendered. Whenever service is discontinued, said sum, without interest, shall be returned to the depositor after first deducting all outstanding bills for water and sewer service.

SECTION 11

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person, or persons to tamper with or change any water meter, or to make any connection to the System, without written permission, or to reconnect service when it has been discontinued for non-payment of a bill for service, until such bill has been paid in full, including the reconnection fee. It shall likewise be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner or occupant of any residence or other building located within 250 feet of any water main or collector line to fail to have the same to be connected to each of the same. Upon conviction there shall be a fine imposed of not less than Ten Dollars, nor of more than One Hundred Dollars, or imprisonment ~~in the Town Jail~~ for a period not to exceed thirty days.

SECTION 12

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect at once.

SECTION 13

This Ordinance shall be forthwith codified in the Code of Town Ordinances as required by law.

Done in Council this ____ day of _____, ____.

Mayor: _____

Attested: _____

Clerk

1st Reading:

Second Reading:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3-1007 OF THE TOWN ORDINANCES,
SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A STIPEND
FOR SEWER SERVICE FEES FOR PERSONS WHO'S RESIDENCES
QUALIFY FOR FREE SEWER CONNECTION UNDER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT (#3-L-91-028)**

WHEREAS, Fairfield County and the Town of Ridgeway in an effort to support, encourage, and promote fair housing have sought and received a Community Development Grant from the Office of the Governor to extend sewer lines along Highway 34 East, Bishop Squirewell Road, and Long Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that some householders qualifying to participate in the project may be prevented from take part in this program because of an economic inability to absorb the additional monthly expense of sewage disposal fees along with other family necessities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the health benefit to the community and the costs savings which the Town will receive from the efficient use of the Town's sewer treatment capacity justifies an addition contribution of municipal funds to facilitate the maximum participation of households along the roads included in the Highway 34 East Sewer Project (#3-L-91-028);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:**

Town Ordinance 3-1007, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 14 to read as follows:

Section 14. Sewer Fee Stipends. The provisions of Section 6 notwithstanding,

the Council upon application of a resident owner or renter, who has been found a qualified recipient for a free tap or free tap and bathroom installation under CDBG Project #3-L-91-028, may vote to award from the general funds of the Town a monthly stipend for payment of sewer service fees.

B. A sewer service stipend awarded pursuant to Paragraph A shall be applied as a direct credit to the applicants sewer service charge and shall not be awarded for more than 12 consecutive sewer service bills.

C. The sewer service stipend shall be described as a percentage of the actual sewer service fee, as shown by meter readings, up to and including 100 percent of the residential rate as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

D. The sewer service stipend shall be credit against the account of the applicant, so long as said applicant remits on a timely basis the water service fee charged to the applicant's residence. Should the applicant become delinquent on water charges or upon sewer charges not covered by the stipend (if any) then the award shall terminate and the residence shall be subject to disconnection of both water and sewer service in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

E. The applicants shall provide to council at the Time of application a copy of any conformation by Central Midlands or the Governor's Office for Community Block Grants of applicants eligibility for a free tap under Project 3-L-91-028 and income information provided these agencies for determination of applicants qualification for a free tap under Project #3-L-91-028.

F. The Council will by resolution adopt or reject all applications for sewer service stipends.

G. The award of stipends and the amount so awarded shall be at the sole discretion of the Town Council. Provided, however, the Council herein commits the sum of \$5,000.00 to be distributed on a need basis to persons who have signed up as residential participants in Project #3-L-91-028 on or before February 10, 1994 and submit an application for consideration within twenty (20) days from the passage of this ordinance.

Done in Council this 22 day of March, 1994.

First Reading: 3-8-94

Second Reading: 3-22-94

16. (a) The Council upon recommendation of the Hardship Advisory Committee created herein, may provide no interest loans or waive tap fees for persons whose annual household income does not exceed:

(1)	One (1) person household	\$8,500.00
(2)	Two (2) person household	\$13,500.00
(3)	Three (3) person household	\$18,500.00
(4)	Four (4) or more person household	\$22,500.00

(b) (1) The Hardship Advisory Committee's responsibility shall be to accept applications for no interest loans or waivers of tap fees from families eligible for such benefits pursuant to Section 16(a) of this Ordinance.

(2) The Hardship Advisory Committee shall be composed of seven (7) residents of the City appointed by Council.

(3) The members of the Hardship Advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of Council and without compensation until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(4) Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by appointment by Council.

(5) The Committee shall meet as soon after its appointment as may be practicable and shall organize by electing one (1) of its members as Chairman and such other officers as it may deem desirable.

(6) The Hardship Advisory Committee shall receive the applications for assistance and shall recommend to Council the type of assistance including terms and amount to be provided the applicant in regard to the tap fees pursuant to Section 16(a) of this Ordinance.

(7) The Council will by resolution adopt or reject the

recommendation of the Hardship Advisory Committee.

(8) The Council may if the applicant falls within the criteria specified in Section 16(a) amend or modify the recommendation of the Hardship Advisory Committee as to the amount and manner of tap fees assistance, provided however that any assistance granted cannot exceed the sum charged for a tap on Exhibit A.

(9) Once a recommendation has been acted on by Council, the Committee shall take no further action on such application unless requested by resolution of Council.

EXHIBIT A

Tap fees per connection	\$600.00
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Incentive discount for connections

prior to February 1, 1993	November	300.00
	December	200.00
	January	100.00

Incentive discount for connections

after notice of availability	within 60 days of notice	300.00
	within 90 days of notice	200.00
	within 120 days of notice	100.00

ORDINANCE 3-1008

DROUGHT RESPONSE ORDINANCE

- A. **Declaration of Policy and Authority:** The objective of this Drought Response Ordinance is to establish authority, policy and procedure by which the Town of Ridgeway will take the property actions to manage water demand during a drought-related shortage. The Ordinance satisfies the requirements of the Drought Response Act of 2000 and has the goal of achieving the greatest public benefit from limited supplies of water needed for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection and of allocating water for other purposes in an equitable manner.

This Ordinance outlines the actions to be taken for the conservation of water supplied by the Town of Ridgeway. These actions are directed both towards an overall reduction in water usage and the optimization of supply.

To satisfy these goals, the Town of Ridgeway hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water. This Ordinance is hereby declared necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect upon its adoption by the Town of Ridgeway.

It becomes necessary to conserve water in its service area due to drought, the Town of Ridgeway is authorized to issue a proclamation that existing conditions prevent fulfillment of the usual water-use demands. The Proclamation is an attempt to prevent depleting the water supply to the extent that water-use for human consumption, sanitation, fire protection, and other essential needs becomes endangered.

Immediately upon issuance of such a Proclamation, regulations and restrictions set forth under this Ordinance shall become effective and remain in effect until the water supply shortage has ended and the Proclamation rescinded.

Water uses that are regulated or prohibited under this Ordinance are considered to be non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water supply shortages is deemed to constitute a waste of water, subjecting the offender(s) to penalties.

The Drought Management Plan as outlined in Section I-III is hereby approved.

- B. **Moderate Drought Phase:** Upon notification by the Drought Response Committee that a Moderate drought condition is present and is expected to persist and/or upon determination by the Town of Ridgeway that a moderate water supply shortage exists based on trigger levels, the Town of Ridgeway will seek voluntary reductions from its customers in the use of water for all purposes and voluntary reductions on using water during certain peak water demand periods. Specifically, the goal during this phase is to achieve a reduction of 20% in residential water use and 15% in other water uses such as commercial, industrial, institutional and irrigation; and a reduction in overall water use of 15%. To accomplish this, the Town of Ridgeway will take the following actions:
- 1) Issue a Proclamation to be released to local media, Town of Ridgeway's customers and to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center that Moderate drought conditions are present.
 - 2) Provide written notification to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center and routinely publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area of the water system the voluntary conservation measures that the customers are requested to follow during Moderate drought conditions, including:
 - a. Reduce residential water use to 75 gallons per person per day and a maximum of 300 gallons per household per day

- b. Eliminate the washing down of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and other hard surfaced areas;
- c. Eliminate the washing down of buildings for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- d. Eliminate the flushing of gutters.
- e. Eliminate the domestic washing of motorbikes, boats, cars, etc.;
- f. Eliminate the use of water to maintain fountains, reflection ponds and decorative water bodies for aesthetic or scenic purposes, except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- g. Reduce watering of lawns, plants, trees, gardens, shrubbery and flora on private or public property to the minimum necessary. Encourage outdoor watering to be done during off-peak hours.
- h. Reduce the amount of water obtained from fire hydrants for construction purposes, fire drills or for any purpose other than firefighting or flushing necessary to maintain water quality; and
- i. Limit normal water use by commercial and individual customers including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Stop serving water in addition to another beverage routinely in restaurants;
 - ii. Stop maintaining water levels in scenic and recreational ponds and lakes, except for the minimum amount required to support aquatic life;
 - iii. Cease water service to customers who have been given a 10-day notice to repair one or more leaks and have failed to do so.

3) Intensify maintenance efforts to identify and correct water leaks in the distribution system.

4) Cease to install new irrigation taps on the water system.

5) Continue to encourage and educate customers to comply with voluntary water conservation.

C. **Severe Drought Phase:** Upon notification by the Drought Response Committee that a Severe drought condition is present and is expected to persist and/or upon determination by the Town of Ridgeway that a severe water supply shortage exists, the Town of Ridgeway will seek voluntary reduction in the use of water for all purposes and mandatory restrictions on non-essential usage and restrictions on non-essential usage and restrictions on times when certain water usage is allowed. Specifically, the goal during this phase is to achieve a reduction of 25% in residential water use, 20% in all other water use categories, and a reduction in overall water use of 20%. To accomplish these goals, the Town of Ridgeway will take the following actions:

1) Issue a Proclamation to be released to the local media, Town of Ridgeway customers and to the South Carolina department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center that severe drought conditions are present.

2) Provide written notification to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center and routinely publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area of the water system the voluntary conservation measures and mandatory restrictions to be placed on the use of water supplied by the utility, including;

- a. Voluntary reduction of residential water use by the utility's customers to 65 gallons per person per day and a maximum of 250 gallons per household or REU per day.
 - b. Control landscape irrigation by the utility's customers by staggering watering times.
 - c. Mandatory restrictions on the use of water supplied by the utility for activities including:
 - i. Eliminate the washing down of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and other hard surfaced areas;
 - ii. Eliminate the washing down of buildings for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - iii. Eliminate the flushing of gutters.
 - iv. Eliminate domestic washing of motorbikes, boats, cars, etc.;
 - v. Eliminate the use of water to maintain fountains, reflections ponds and decorative water bodies for aesthetic or scenic purposes, except where necessary to support aquatic life;
 - vi. Eliminate filling or maintaining public or private swimming pools;
 - vii. Eliminate obtaining water from fire hydrants for construction purposes, fire drills or any purpose other than fire-fighting or flushing necessary to maintain water quality; and
 - d. Limit use of water by commercial and individual customers including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Stop serving water in addition to another beverage routinely in restaurants;
 - ii. Stop maintaining water levels in scenic and recreational ponds and lakes, except for the minimum amount required to support aquatic life;
 - iii. Limit irrigating golf courses and any portion of its grounds;
 - iv. Cease water service to customers who have been given a 10-day notice to repair one or more leaks and have failed to do so; and
 - v. Limit expanding commercial nursery facilities, placing new irrigated agricultural land in production or planting or landscaping when required by site design review process.
- 3) Intensify maintenance efforts to identify and correct water leaks in the distribution system.
 - 4) Continue to cease installation of new irrigation taps on the water system.
 - 5) Publicize widely the penalties to be imposed for violations of mandatory restrictions and the procedures to be followed if a variance in the restrictions is requested.
 - 6) Expand the use of education and public relations efforts and emphasize the penalties associated with violating the mandatory restrictions.
 - 7) Provide written notification monthly to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center regarding the success of the voluntary and mandatory restrictions.

D. **Extreme Drought Phase:** Upon notification by the Drought Response Committee that an Extreme drought condition is present and is expected to persist and/or upon determination by the Town of Ridgeway that an extreme water supply shortage exists based on the trigger levels, the Town of Ridgeway will impose mandatory restrictions in the use of water for all purposes and on the times when certain water usage is allowed. Specifically, the goal during this phase is to achieve a reduction of 30% in residential water use, 25% in all other categories of water uses and a reduction in overall water use of 25%. To accomplish these goals, the Town of Ridgeway will take the following actions:

1) Issue a Proclamation to be released to the local media, the Town of Ridgeway customers and to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center that Extreme drought conditions are present;

2) Provide written notification to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center and routinely publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the service area of the water system the mandatory restrictions to be placed on the use of water supplied by the utility, including:

- a. Limiting residential water use to 55 gallons per person per day and a maximum of 225 gallons per household or REU per day.
- b. Eliminate landscape irrigation by the utility's customers
- c. Mandatory restrictions on the use of water supplied by the utility for activities including:
 - i. Eliminate the washing down of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and other hard surfaced areas;
 - ii. Eliminate the washing down of building for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
 - iii. Eliminate the flushing of gutters.
 - iv. No domestic washing of motorbikes, boats, cars, etc.;
 - v. Eliminate the use of water to maintain fountains, reflection ponds, and decorative water bodies for aesthetic or scenic purposes, except where necessary to support aquatic life.
 - vi. Eliminate filling or maintaining public or private swimming pools;
 - vii. Eliminate obtaining water from fire hydrants for construction purposes, fire drills, or any purpose other than firefighting or flushing necessary to maintain water quality; and
- d. Limit normal water use by commercial and individual customers including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Stop serving water in addition to another beverage routinely in restaurants;
 - ii. Stop maintaining water levels in scenic and recreational ponds and lakes, except for the minimum amount required to support fish and wildlife;
 - iii. Limit irrigating golf courses and any portion of their grounds;

- iv. Cease water serve to customers who have been given a 10-day notice to repair one or more leaks and have failed to do so; and
- v. Limit expanding commercial nursery facilities, placing new irrigated agricultural land in production, or planting or landscaping when required by site design review process.

3) Intensify maintenance efforts to identify and correct water leaks in the distribution system.

4) Continue to cease installation of new irrigation taps on the water system

5) Outline other conservation measures, examples are:

- a. Place a moratorium on the issuance of all new water service connections and contracts for all new water main extensions. As part of the public information process, provide notice to developers of the moratorium;
- b. Encourage all residential water customers to voluntarily reduce overall monthly water usage to 70% of the customer's monthly average. If voluntary reduction of usage is not successful, the Town of Ridgeway may, at its option, implement the following excessive use rate schedule for water:

Tier I	0-6000 gallons/REU	regular rate
Tier II	6001-8000 gallons/REU	2 times regular rate
Tier III	Over 8000 gallons/REU	3 times regular rate

c. Impose a drought surcharge per thousand gallons of water that increases with higher usage. The general principle behind the drought surcharge is that the fee is imposed on water use in excess of 6000 of normal monthly use. The drought surcharge is a temporary fee imposed during the current water supply shortage and is not a based rate. The drought surcharge is temporary and will be terminated at such time as the Town of Ridgeway determines the water supply is above the trigger levels.

d. If the conservation measures of the Ordinance or Plan prove inadequate to mitigate the effects of the drought conditions or water supply availability, the Town of Ridgeway may take additional actions including, but not limited to:

- ii. Decreasing the gallon/REU limits in the different tiers; and
- iii. Reduction of water system pressure as needed.

6) Publicize widely the penalties to be imposed for violations of mandatory restrictions and the procedures to be followed if a variance in the restrictions is requested.

7) Expand the use of education and public relations efforts as conducted under the Moderate and Severe drought phase and emphasize the penalties associated with violating the mandatory restrictions.

8) Provide written notification monthly to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Drought Information Center regarding the success of the mandatory restrictions.

E. Rationing

If a drought threatens the protection of public health and safety, the Town of Ridgeway is hereby authorized to ration water.

F. Enforcement of Restrictions

If any customer of the Town of Ridgeway fails to comply with the mandatory water use restrictions of this Ordinance, the customer shall be given a written notice of such failure to comply, which cites the date of said violation, and shall be assessed surcharges in accordance with the following schedule:

First Violation: \$150.00 surcharge shall be added to the customer's water bill;

Second Violation: An additional \$300.00 surcharge shall be added to the customer's bill;

Third Violation: The customer's water service shall be terminated and restored only after payment of a surcharge of \$1000.00 in addition to all previously assessed surcharges.

Law enforcement agencies and other authorized agencies or designated employees in the respective jurisdiction which is being supplied water by the Town of Ridgeway shall diligently enforce the provisions of the Drought Response Ordinance.

G. Variances

Customers, who in their belief are unable to comply with the mandatory water use restrictions of this Drought Ordinance, may petition for a variance from restriction by filing a petition with the Town of Ridgeway with ten (10) working days after the issuance of the Proclamation requiring water use restrictions. All petitions for variances shall contain the following information:

- A. Name and address of the petitioner;
- B. Purpose of water usage;
- C. Special provision from which the petitioner is requesting relief;
- D. Detailed statement as to how the curtailment declaration adversely affects the petitioner;
- E. Description of the relief desired;
- F. Period of time for which the variance is sought;
- G. Economic value of the water use;
- H. Damage or harm to the petitioner or others if petitioner complies with the Ordinance;
- I. Restrictions with which the petition is expected to comply and the compliance date;
- J. Steps the petitioner is taking to meet the restrictions from which the variance is sought and the expected date of compliance; and

K. Other information as needed.

In order for the variance to be granted, the petitioner must demonstrate clearly that compliance with the Ordinance cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage without having an adverse impact upon the best interests of the community. The Town of Ridgeway is authorized to grant the request for variance.

In addition, the Town of Ridgeway is authorized to grant temporary variances for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under the Ordinance if it is determined that failure to grant such variances could cause an emergency condition adversely affecting health, sanitation and fire protection for the public. No such variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Ordinance occurring prior to the issuance of the variance. Variances granted by the Town of Ridgeway shall include a timetable for compliance and shall expire when the water supply shortage no longer exists, unless the petitioner has failed to meet specified requirements.

H. **Status of the Ordinance**

- 1) If any portion of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional for any reason, the remaining portions of the Drought Response Ordinance shall not be affected.
- 2) The provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail and control in the event of any inconsistency between this Ordinance and other rules and regulations of the Town of Ridgeway.
- 3) Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to invalidate or be interpreted in a manner inconsistent with any covenants now in effect and given as security to holders of bonds secured by revenues of the system.

DONE IN COUNCIL THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 2003.

MAYOR:

ATTEST

FIRST READING: 6-10-03

SECOND READING: 6-24-03

TOWN OF RIDGEWAY DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

SECTION I: DECLARATION OF PURPOSE AND INTENT:

The Town of Ridgeway understands the fundamental need to make efficient use of the limited and valuable water resource under its stewardship in order to protect the public's health and safety and environmental integrity. The purpose of this document is to establish a plan and procedures for managing water demand and evaluating supply options before and during a drought-related water shortage. The intent is to satisfy the requirements of the Drought Response Act of 2000 (Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Section 49-23-10, et seq., as amended) with the goal of achieving the greatest public benefit from domestic water use, sanitation, fire protection and to provide water for other purposes in an equitable manner. Therefore, the Town of Ridgeway has adopted this Drought Management Plan and Drought Response Ordinance that provide the policies and the authority to fulfill this obligation. The Drought Management Plan outlines the framework by which the Town of Ridgeway will internally prepare for water shortages. The Ordinance provides the regulations by which the Town of Ridgeway manages and controls its customer water usage during various levels of a drought.

SECTION II: DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purposes of this Ordinance/Plan and the accompanying Ordinance, the following definitions will apply:

Aesthetic Water Use: Water use for ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, reflecting pools and waterfalls.

Commercial and Industrial Use: Water use integral to the production of goods and/or services by any establishment having profit as its primary aim.

Conservation: Reduction in water use to prevent depletion or waste of the resource.

Customer: Any person, company or organization using finished water owned or supplied by the Town of Ridgeway.

Domestic Water Use: Water use for personal needs or for household purposes such as drinking, bathing, heating, cooking, sanitation or for cleaning a residence, business, industry or institution.

Drought Alert Phases: There are four drought alert phases to be determined by the Drought Response Committee for the State of South Carolina. The four phases are:

- 1) Incipient Drought
- 2) Moderate Drought
- 3) Severe Drought
- 4) Extreme Drought

Drought Response Management Areas: There are four drought management areas corresponding to the major river basins in South Carolina. The four areas are:

- 1) West or Savannah
- 2) Central or Santee
- 3) Northeast or Pee Dee
- 4) Southern or Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto

In order to prevent overly broad response to drought conditions, drought response measures shall be considered within individual drought management areas or within individual counties, as applicable.

Drought Response Committee: A committee composed of State and local representatives shall be created for the purpose of coordinating responses to water supply shortages within Drought Management Areas and making recommendation for action to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and/or the Governor. The Committee is composed of State agency representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division of the Office of the Adjutant General, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, South Carolina Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Forestry Commission, and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, as well as local committees representing counties, municipalities, public service districts, private water suppliers, agriculture, industry, domestic users, regional councils of government, commissions of public works, power generation facilities, special purpose districts and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Essential Water Use: Water used specifically for fire fighting, maintaining in-stream flow requirements and to satisfy Federal, State or local public health and safety requirements.

Finished Water: Water distributed for use after treatment. The terms "water use," "water user," and "water customer" refer to finished water use unless otherwise defined.

Institutional Water Use: Water used by government, public and private educational institutions, churches and places of worship, water utilities, and organizations within the public domain.

Irrigation Water Use: Water used to maintain gardens, trees, lawns, shrubs, flowers, athletic fields, right-of-way and medians.

Non-Essential Water Use: Categories of water use other than Essential Water Use. Examples of non-essential water use include landscape irrigation and the washing of buildings, parking lots, automobiles, etc.

Residential Equivalent Unit (REU): An equivalency unit defined to be equal to one single-family residence. The Town of Ridgeway's allocated water capacity equals 200 gallons per day per REU.

SC Department of Natural Resources: The State agency with primacy to implement the provisions of the Drought Response Act.

Water Supply Shortage: Lack of adequate, available water caused by drought to meet normal demands.

SECTION III: DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

- A. Introduction: To ensure that the Town of Ridgeway adequately manages its water system during drought-related conditions, an organized plan is necessary for system operation and reliability, proper communications, effective coordination and ultimate allocation of water. Prior planning will compliment the Town of Ridgeway's ability to respond to drought conditions and to enforce the related ordinance.
- B. Designing of Water System Drought Response Representative:
Administering a Drought Plan requires the skills needed to undertake a comprehensive public information program and the judgment required to deal with equity issues arising from enforcement of a mandatory program. Someone who has these skills will be selected by the water system to manage the water system's program and serve as the principal contact for the news media as the water system's Drought Response Representative. The Drought Response Representative for the Town of Ridgeway's water system is Pete Branham, 803-337-2213, RidgewaySC@ChesterTel.com.

- C. Description of Water System Layout, Water Sources, Capacities and Yields:
The Town of Ridgeway is located in the Central Drought Response Management Area of South Carolina. The system serves approximately 405 people with 320 taps. The layout of the water system includes ground treatment system, one (1) well yielding 125 gpm, one (1) 75,000 gallon elevated storage tank that produces .060 mgd/day as well as purchase water from the Town of Winnsboro. The water supply sources available to the system is the Town of Winnsboro.
- D. Identification of Water System Specific Drought or Water Shortage Indicators:
Operators of every water system must develop historical trends that are valuable indicators of a system's ability to meet demand when demand begins to outpace supply. The Town of Ridgeway has developed triggers for use during drought or demand water shortages that describe when specific phases of the Drought Response Ordinance are implemented. The system triggers are as follows:
- Moderate Drought Phase
- A. Storage falls below 25 percentage of capacity
- B. Well pumping rate falls 25 percent.
- Severe Drought Phase
- A. Storage falls below 35 percentage of capacity.
- B. Well pumping rate falls 35 percent.
- Extreme Drought Phase
- A. Storage falls below 45 percentage of capacity.
- B. Well pumping rate falls 45 percent.
- E. Cooperative Agreements and Alternative Water Supply Sources: Successful drought management requires a comprehensive program by the water utility. In many situations administrative agreements are required with other agencies to fully implement the Plan. Agreements with other water purveyors may be necessary for alternative water supply sources. Other agreements that strengthen conservation efforts by large users may be necessary. The Town of Ridgeway identifies the following agreements that are in place to facilitate the implementation of this Plan: Capable of 100% purchase of potable water from the Town of Winnsboro.
- F. Description of Pre-Drought Planning Efforts: Before the occurrence of a water supply shortage and the need to implement the emergency provisions of the Ordinance, it is important that certain pre-response measures be taken with the aim of conserving the system's source water, as well as the water distributed to the customer. In regards to the conservation measures listed below, the Town of Ridgeway has taken the following actions:
1. Ridgeway Gold Mine and residents are the major water users of the system.
 2. There are no users with whom there are conservation agreements.
 3. A vigorous public education program is critical for achieving substantial water use reductions. An effective public outreach program will keep the public informed about the water supply situation, what actions will mitigate drought emergency problems, and how well the public is doing in terms of meeting the program goals. Keeping the public involved, informed, and participating in the decision-making process is key to implementing an effective Drought Management Plan. Provide a

description of utility's efforts to develop an effective drought-related public education program: Customers will be kept informed of actions of the State Drought Committee as well as what measures the Town of Ridgeway is taking to conserve or limit water use. In addition, a press release in the local paper to ensure the public stays informed of the drought.

- G. Description of Capital Planning and Investment for System Reliability and Demand Forecasting:** Water utilities routinely find that capital improvements to the system strongly enhance their ability to get through times of drought. It is important that every water utility aggressively plan and build for future needs. The utility must continue to provide for system operation flexibility, improved pumping and storage capacity and new technologies to meet the demands of tomorrow. Describe the utility's capital improvement program and how past efforts have enhanced your system's ability to meet demand during drought conditions: N/A

Describe other system improvements the utility should consider to prepare for future droughts and increasing water demands: N/A

ORDINANCE 3-1009

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND IMPOSE A GARBAGE FEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council in a meeting duly assembled:

SECTION 1: Town of Ridgeway shall establish and impose an annual fee for household and commercial garbage collection in the amount of \$66.00 to be charged annually beginning January 2007 and all subsequent years, on all persons, firms and corporations, within the town limits.

SECTION 2: The assessment for such services shall be collected by Fairfield County through a uniform service charge added to the annual real property tax bill. Furthermore, all penalties applicable to delinquent payment of property taxes shall apply to the uniform service charge for solid waste collection.

SECTION 3: No free services shall be provided to any place of residence, building, facility or other premises, and all customers shall pay the fee provided herein without exemption or discrimination.

SECTION 4: The town council shall annually determine the assessments to be levied for garbage services, based upon, among other things, the amount of funds required to finance solid waste collection, and the benefit received by the property, and advise the auditor of the assessment to be collected.

Attest:

First Reading Approval: 12/13/06

Final Reading Approval: 12/21/06