

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER/SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND IRRIGATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND, SOUTH CAROLINA IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF THAT THE WATER/SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND IS AMENDED TO READ:

Rates will be effective for July 1, 2026 Billing Cycle.

Water and Sewer System
Schedule of Rates and Fees

Water:

Residential		In-Town	Out-Town
0-2,000 Gallons	Minimum	\$16.52	\$ 24.78
2,001 – 10,000	Per Thousand	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.19
10,001- & Above	Per Thousand	\$ 3.77	\$ 4.19
Commercial		In-Town	Out-Town
0-2,000 Gallons	Minimum	\$ 16.52	\$ 24.78
2,001-10,000	Per Thousand	\$ 2.92	\$ 3.48
10,001-50,000	Per Thousand	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.58
50,001-100,000	Per Thousand	\$ 3.21	\$ 3.68
100,001-200,000	Per Thousand	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.76
200,001- & Above	Per Thousand	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.82

Sewer:

Residential		In-Town	Out-Town
0-2,000 Gallons	Minimum	\$ 29.99	\$ 43.53
2,001-10,000	Per Thousand	\$ 6.48	\$ 9.67
10,001- & Above	Per Thousand	\$ 6.48	\$ 9.67

Commercial		In-Town	Out-Town
0- 2,000 Gallons	Minimum	\$ 29.99	\$ 38.37
2,001- 10,000	Per Thousand	\$ 5.08	\$ 6.25
10,001-50,000	Per Thousand	\$ 5.37	\$ 6.37
50,001-100,000	Per Thousand	\$ 5.49	\$ 6.48
100,001-200,000	Per Thousand	\$ 5.61	\$ 6.60
200,001- & Above	Per Thousand	\$ 5.72	\$ 6.72

Irrigation Rates:

Base Fee \$ 8.82 (Minimum Charge \$ 8.82)

Volumetric (gallons consumed) \$ 8.82 Per Thousand

Treated Effluent Wastewater (Reclaimed Water Turf Irrigation) Rate:

\$ 0.27 Per Thousand

Wholesale Water and Sewer Rates: Can be approved by the Town Council as negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Industrial Pre-Treatment Sewer Rates: Can be approved by the Town Council as negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Water Service Origination Fee: \$ 35.00 A one-time, non-refundable and non-transferable fee for establishing a new water account.

Sewer Service Origination Fee: \$ 35.00 A one-time, non-refundable and non-transferable fee for establishing a new sewer account.

Non-Payment Fees: \$ 45.00

Credit Card Convenience Fee: 3.00% of customer bill + \$0.65

Returned Check Fees*: \$ 30.00

After Hours Service Fee: \$ 70.00

***If the Town receives Two (2) returned checks, the Town reserves the right to require customer to pay by cash, credit card or US Postal Service Money Order.**

Deposits:

1.	Residential: ¾"	\$125.00
	1"	\$150.00
	1 ½"	\$150.00
	2"	\$175.00

2. **All Others: An amount equal to two (2) months of the estimated monthly bill as determined by the SC DES Contributory Loading Schedule.**

Rates for the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC):

2026-2027

**Water: \$ 27,405 for the first 7,000,000 Gallons.
\$ 3.41 per 1,000 gallons for all water used in excess of 7,000,000 Gallons**

**Sewer: \$ 50,962 for the first 6,500,000 Gallons.
\$ 7.94 per 1,000 gallons for all sewer used in excess of 6,500,000 Gallons**

**High Strength Waste Surcharge: BOD \$0.565 per pound.
TSS \$0.347 per pound.**

Water and Sewer Capacity Fees

REU=Residential Equivalency Unit.

GPD= Gallons Per Day.

Water REU= 400 GPD

Sewer REU= 300 GPD

Water Capacity Fees:

In-Town	\$1,211.00
Out-Town	\$1,211.00

Sewer Capacity Fees:

In-Town	\$3,142.00
Out-Town	\$3,142.00

Water Tap Fees (Includes Sewer Tap Fees):

¾"	\$ 1,231.00
1"	\$ 1,294.00
1 ½"	\$ 1,873.00
2"	\$ 2,194.00
3"	\$ 2,599.00
4"	\$ 3,094.00
6"	\$ 5,697.00
8"	\$ 8,437.00
10"	\$ 13,000.00

Ancillary Charges Effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Project Development Fees:

Plan Review (relieved for re-submits)	
< or = 150 REU	\$ 300.00
> 150 REU	\$ 600.00
Residential Construction Inspection per REU	\$ 40.00
Commercial Construction Inspection per GPD	\$ 0.10
Pressure Test	\$ 250.00 (failed test will require additional fee)

Record Drawing Conversion to GIS

Per Project	\$ 500.00
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Legal Documents

Blanket Easement Recording	\$ 150.00 each
Specific Easement Recording	\$ 350.00 each

Pump Station Site Recording
Using "Non-Standard" Town of Ridgeland
Documents

\$ 350.00 each

\$ 600.00 each

Approved this 4th day of June, 2026.



Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Penelope B. Daley, Clerk/Treasurer

Vote Record:

Mayor Joseph N. Malphrus, Jr.-Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Libby Malphrus-Yes
Councilor Bill Fishburne-Yes
Councilor Lee Gramling-Yes
Councilor Linda Tenerowicz-Yes