

ORDINANCE NO. 1745

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 953 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1658,
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE III, WATER,
REPLACING SECTION 21-32 CONNECTION FEES AND EXPENSES
FAIRHOPE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA,
as follows:

ARTICLE III. WATER

Sec. 21-32 CONNECTION FEES AND EXPENSES:

(a) The City of Fairhope has established fees for metered connections to the water system. The total connection fee is a combination of costs that include a System Development Charge (SDC) and an Installation Fee (Tap Fee). The SDCs, for each new service, is to recover cost relating to the capital investment required to provide the source water (groundwater wells), treatment facilities and ground or elevated storage tanks and capital funding necessary to maintain said facilities. The fee will also provide capital funding for capacity improvement projects where growth or hydraulic capacity requirements to support needed fire flows are recommended.

One Hundred (100) percent of the SDC and Installation Fees shall be used for Capital Replacements and Improvements to the Water System only.

(b) The Installation Fee, if required, is to recover the material and labor costs to install the service when an existing service to the property is not available. The SDCs and the Installation Fee are one-time fees to provide water service to a specific location and cannot be transferred to another site. Any water service upgrades to a location will be determined as the difference between the existing SDCs and the proposed SDCs. Installation upgrades will be based on the Installation Fee schedule for the Meter size of the requested upgrade, up to a 2" service.

(c) There are hereby established connection fees for new connections to city water service as follows:

Connection Fees (based on Meter Size/Fire Line Size)

<u>Size</u>	<u>SDC Water</u>	<u>SDC Fire Line</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>	<u>Meter Box or Vault</u>
3/4"	\$1,500	N/A	\$800.00	Meter Box
1" (R)	\$2,000	N/A	\$1,000.00	Meter Box
1" (C)	\$3,750	N/A	\$1,500.00	Meter Box
2" (R)	\$4,800	N/A	\$2,800.00	Meter Box
2" (C)	\$8,000	\$1,500	\$5,000.00	Vault
3"	\$16,000	\$2,000	CALCULATED	Vault
4"	\$35,000	\$3,000	CALCULATED	Vault
6"	\$70,000	\$5,000	CALCULATED	Vault
8"	\$105,000	\$7,500	CALCULATED	Vault

(R) Residential
(C) Commercial

1. Irrigation:

Where an existing water customer desires a separate water meter for irrigation, the City of Fairhope may install a second water meter, using the existing service main at a cost equal to the Installation Fee stated above, to be used with an automatic sprinkler system. The size of the Irrigation meter shall be no larger than the existing meter. The Irrigation (water only) service shall be billed at the same rate of the primary meter of the existing service, or an approved "Irrigation Rate." The usage will not be included in the sewer portion of the bill for the account.

2. Miscellaneous Fees and Charges:

A. Where water main extensions or upgrades are required to serve a customer or a new development, the cost to provide needed water capacity, including fire protection, will be the responsibility of the customer or developer.

B. Where a fire protection system requires an unmetered fire main/sprinkler system, the customer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the unmetered service, including a service tap on the main, with isolation valve and approved backflow prevention device at the edge of Right of Way or easement. A fire department connection shall be included on the discharge side of the backflow prevention device. A fire line SDC charge will be required for all fire line connections.

C. Where reduced pressure backflow devices are required, the customer shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of such devices.

5. Penalty for Violation

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance or of doing any act made unlawful by this ordinance shall be punished as provided in Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairhope, Alabama.

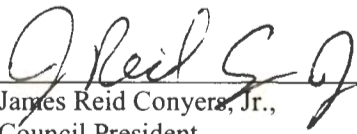
SEVERABILITY

The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such ruling shall not affect any other paragraphs and sections, since the same would have been enacted by the municipality council without the incorporation of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

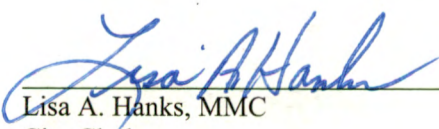
EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2022 upon its due adoption and publication as required by law.

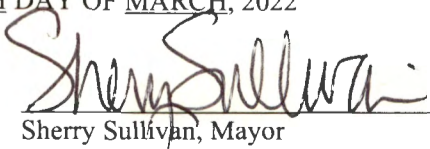
ADOPTED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022


James Reid Conyers, Jr.,
Council President

Attest:


Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk

ADOPTED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022


Sherry Sullivan, Mayor

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Lisa A. Hanks City Clerk