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## CHAPTER 17. UTILITIES

## ARTICLE I. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

17.101. LOCATION OF LINES TO BE APPROVED.

It shall be unlawful to locate any underground gas, electric, telephone, cablevision, or any other type lines, within less than two feet(2') from any utility pole or line without a permit granted as hereinafter provided.

17.102. HEARING ON PETITION FOR EXCEPTIONS TO STANDARD LOCATIONS.

If any person shall desire or deem it necessary to locate an underground line within less than two feet (2') of any utility pole or line, such person shall file a petition with the Town Council requesting a permit to do so. The Council, after written notice of not less than ten (10) days to the person filing such petition and to the owner or the person in control or charge of such utility pole or line, shall grant a hearing on said petition, at which the parties in interest shall be heard. The decision of the Council shall be final and binding upon all parties in interest.

17.103. THE WORD PERSON DEFINED.

The word "person", when used in this Article, shall include individuals, corporations, firms, partnerships, associations, organizations or any other group acting as a unit.

17.104. PENALTY.

Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day during which a violation of this Ordinance exists shall be considered as a separate offense.

(1976 SC Code 5-7-30)

## ARTICLE II. WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

(Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Title V, Chapter 31)

## 17.201. ENABLING ACT. RULES AND REGULATIONS

17.201.1. ENABLING ACT.

The town shall furnish water to persons for reasonable compensation and charge a reasonable charge for maintenance of a sewerage system. Such charges shall be fixed from time to time by the Town Council. (See Sections 17.205 and 17.206 for current charges.)

17.201.2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

For the protection of the health and the prevention of disease, all water and wastewater facilities serving the public by private ownership shall conform to that certain document known as "Rules and Regulations Governing the Development of Subdivision Water Supply and Waste Disposal Systems," prescribed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, with amendments thereto.

## 17.202. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Editor's Note. Chapter 10, Article V, this Code, requires occupied buildings to be connected to the sewerage system or equipped with approved septic tanks and for building contracts to provide for sewage disposal. This Section amplifies upon that Article.

17.202.1. SEWER CONNECTIONS REQUIRED FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

a. Before any place of human habitation, commercial use, public assembly or any similar place intended to be used for such, is occupied, the owner or occupant thereof shall have installed therein adequate facilities for the disposal of liquid waste and human excreta. No person shall occupy any such place until the provisions hereof have been complied with.

b. It shall be the duty of the occupants or tenants of all places of human habitation, commercial use or public assembly to maintain all facilities for the disposal of liquid waste and human excreta in a condition clean and sanitary at all times.

c. No owner or occupant of any such premises shall use any privy, septic tank or cesspool or allow any liquid waste or human excreta to accumulate thereupon after such connection to the sanitary sewerage system shall have been made.

(Editor's Note. This Chapter derives, in part, from an ordinance of May 31, 1983.)

d. Not less than sixty (60) days after the installation of a municipal water or sanitary sewer line within two hundred and fifty feet (250') of any residence or building, all said residences and buildings, requiring same, shall be connected thereto for water and disposal of all sewage and similar waste originating on said premises. All connections with the sanitary sewer line shall be only for the disposal of sewage; provided, however, that septic tanks constructed prior to the installation of the sewerage system and meeting the requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control are exempt from the requirements of this Section until such time as septic tank problems develop and connection to the sanitary sewer collector line is deemed necessary, the public health requiring it, by proper authority.

e. Upon completion of construction of water mains and sewage collector lines, as prescribed above, and after official notification to connect thereto, each day such buildings shall not be so connected shall be deemed a separate offense and punishable as a misdemeanor.

17.202.2. WHERE SEWER FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

With the written approval of the Council, where sewerage facilities are not available, authorized septic tanks may be permitted provided the same are constructed and maintained as required by the laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Health.

17.202.3. APPLICATION FOR A SEWERAGE CONNECTION.

Before any portion of the plumbing and drainage system of any building shall be laid or constructed, there shall be filed by the owner or agent of the property, at the office of the Town Clerk, a written application for connections with the sewerage and waterworks systems, stating the location of the building, with a plan of the same, showing in detail the entire proposed connections from the public sewer line through the building to the terminus, showing the location of all fixtures, traps, vent pipes, etc. The application shall contain a specific agreement to obey and abide by any and all resolutions, ordinances, rules and regulations that are now or may hereafter be adopted by the Council for the protection of the sewerage and waterworks system and to restrict, regulate and control the use of the same and the connections therewith. The application shall also give permission to an authorized representative of the town to enter the premises of the applicant, at any reasonable hour, to investigate the plumbing or sewer connections. The plan shall be inspected and approved, corrected or modified by the inspector, whereupon a permit for the proposed connections shall be given by the Clerk. The work shall be performed by a regularly licensed plumber, if available, and provided the municipal sewer collector lines are of sufficient depth to serve each residence or other building.

17.202.4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE.

Property owners shall be responsible for installation and maintenance of sewer lines from the point where same are connected with sewer mains, installation and maintenance of water lines where same are connected with the water mains on the premises served, from the point of connection with the water meter only, and only within the limits of the particular lot for which his application has been approved.

17.202.5. EXCAVATION FOR PIPE LAYING.

All ditches or trenches opened for the purpose of laying pipes for connection with water or sewer mains, whether on private premises or across streets, sidewalks or ditches, shall be carefully and compactly closed and filled after the pipes are laid. All paving disturbed in connection therewith shall be skillfully and carefully repaired and restored.

17.202.6. RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING INSPECTIONS.

The town authorities are hereby authorized to enter the premises of any user of water or any sanitary sewer line, at all reasonable hours, to inspect or examine water and sewer pipes, their connections and the use of water or sewer lines on the premises.

17.202.7. WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS.

Applicants for water service outside the corporate limits, when required to do so, shall extend water lines under streets or public ways to connect to the water meter at their own expense. In such cases, the town reserves the right to locate water meters in such position or location as deemed in the town's best interest.

17.202.8. WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCIES. PENALTIES.

Ordinance No. 29, which addresses this situation, is considered too lengthy to insert herein verbatim. Consequently, the Mayor and Council have authorized reference thereto. Please see Ordinance No. 29 which is filed in the Ordinance Book in the office of the Town Clerk.

ORDINANCE 2005-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GREASE TRAPS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF CHESTERFIELD,  
SOUTH CAROLINA THAT:

**Section 1.** Section 17.203.3 shall be amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person or business to operate a facility that will discharge amounts of grease, oil, san or other materials that will inhibit the normal flow within the town sewer system. Such persons or facilities will install interceptors that are suitable to the approving authority for the removal of such materials. Such interceptors will be readily available for cleaning and inspection and shall be maintained by the owner at his expense and operate efficiently at all times. Failure to install, operate and maintain such facilities may result in corrective action including but not limited to, fines that cover the costs of repairs to the system, loss of business licenses or other action that may be deemed appropriate to necessitate change.

**Section 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective upon its final reading.

First reading December 8, 2005  
Second reading January 12, 2006

Mayor

Attest:

Municipal Clerk

*Justin Orndorff*  
*Betty Ann Watson*

## 17.203. PROHIBITED ACTS. GENERALLY

(1976 South Carolina Code, Sections 5-31-20 and 6-11-280.)

17.203.1. PROHIBITED ACTS - WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

The following enumerated acts shall be unlawful, but not all-inclusive, and a violation by any person or persons who engage in such acts without appropriate permission or authority or without the appropriate supervision as herein specified.

17.203.2. POLLUTION OF WATER SUPPLY.

It shall be unlawful to defile or pollute the water in any pipe, tank or reservoir connected with the public water system or to make connection therewith or maintain any connection whereby water from any other source may be pumped or allowed to flow into the public distribution system which may result in a cross-connection.

17.203.3. ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS TO OR USE OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

a. It shall be unlawful to connect with, use or tap any public water or sewer main without specific authorization of the Council, in writing first obtained, other than normal connections for which connection fees shall have been paid, but not including private wells.

b. No person shall place any pipe or similar material in such a manner as to furnish public water or sewer service to others, except as otherwise provided herein.

c. It shall be unlawful for any person to put any substance, either solid or liquid, into any public sewer main or line, at man-holes or in any other way, than through a connection as may be made for the purpose and provided by ordinance.

d. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any substance which may be harmful or liable to damage the public sewerage system or to obstruct the flow of sewage in said system.

e. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, after notice to cease and desist, to violate the provisions of this Article.

f. It shall be unlawful to connect or permit to remain connected, any open gutter or rain water conductor or cesspool with any sanitary sewer line.

17.203.4. TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS.

It shall be unlawful to tamper with or change any water meter.



17.203.5. DESTRUCTION, DEFACEMENT, ETC. OF WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to willfully destroy, break, injure, climb upon or deface or in any other manner, interfere with any public water mains, water tanks, sewers, fire hydrants, meter boxes, stop cocks, pumps or other fixtures of the public waterworks system or throw into such system any bricks, earth, stone, filth or other substances. It shall also be unlawful for any person or persons to willfully destroy, break, injure, deface or in any other manner interfere with any house, fence, wells, street mains, sluice pipes, gate valves, or to place advertisements or placards on any property belonging to the waterworks or sewerage system.

17.203.6. OBSTRUCTION OF SEWER LINES.

It shall be unlawful to place in any water closet, or allow to enter any soil pipe, any paper other than what is commonly known as toilet paper, or material or substance likely to block, obstruct the flow or damage the pipeline or sewerage system or to dispose of any flammable, noxious or chemically active material harmful to life or property into the sewerage system.

17.203.7. ILLEGAL RECONNECTION WHEN SERVICE IS DISCONTINUED FOR NONPAYMENT.

It shall be unlawful to reconnect water or sewer service or to continue to use such service when it has been discontinued for nonpayment of a bill for service, until such bill has been paid in full, including a reconnection fee as provided in Section 17.204.2.d hereof.

17.203.8. PENALTIES.

The violation of any provision of this Article, unless otherwise provided, shall be deemed a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**17.204. RATES AND CHARGES**

(1976 South Carolina Code, Sections 5-31-250 and 5-31-900)

**17.204.1 FAILURE TO PAY FEES OR CHARGES.**

- a. The appointed official shall ensure that all water meters be read once a month. (Ord. #72. 12-13-90)
- b. Each monthly bill shall become due and payable in its entirety on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month. It shall become delinquent on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each month and shall be charged a penalty of 10% of the delinquent amount. (If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday and Sunday bills will be due on Monday and delinquent on Tuesday.) (12/11/03 Ord. #2003-14)
- c. Any customer failing to pay his water bill on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> day of each month shall be subject to having water disconnected and sewer and garbage service disconnected on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month and charged the appropriate reconnect /disconnect fees. ( 12/11/03 Ord. #2003-14)
- d. Each bill shall include a monthly sewer service charge shall be added to the water users within the town limits.
- e. A garbage fee, as provided in Chapter 10 hereof, shall be added to the water bill for all water and/or sewer users within the town limits.
- f. Once a customer's water has been disconnected and sewer and garbage service discontinued, the customer shall pay all outstanding bills and penalties before receiving further water, sewer and garbage services.

**17.204.2 WATER DEPOSITS REQUIRED. NO FREE WATER/SEWER SERVICE. RIGHTS-OF-WAY CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR CONNECTIONS.**

- a. Each new customer obtaining a water connection shall pay a deposit, \$50.00 for property owners, \$150.00 for renters, to secure payment of bills when due. When service is permanently discontinued, said deposit shall be returned, without interest, after deducting any outstanding bills. (Ord. #153. 04-11-96, #188. 09-10-98, 12/11/03 # 2003-14)
- b. No free water or sewer service shall be furnished to any person, firm or corporation.
- c. In exchange for a right-of-way in which to construct a water or sewer line by the town, a connection thereto may be exchanged for the right-of-way.  
Supplement #10. 01-14-91, #19. 02-05-98, #20. 07-10-00 #2003-1, 12/18/03

The connection shall be exercised within a period of five years after the service is available, and the exchange shall not constitute a free connection. (Ord. #64. 08-09-90)

**17.204.3 SEWER CONNECTIONS FEES.**

Each new customer obtaining a sewer connection shall pay a tapping fee, as hereinafter provided in this chapter.

17.204.5. ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES.

The Council shall establish a schedule of charges for services rendered by the water and sewerage systems. Said schedule shall be reviewed periodically to insure that it is equitable and fair to user and town.

17.204.6. SERVICES SUPPLIED TO MULTIFAMILY UNITS.

Apartments and multifamily units are hereby defined as a building or a series of buildings on the same lot or portions thereof used or designed as dwellings for three or more families living independently of each other, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided.

Services of the water and sewerage systems shall be charged for as follows:

1. All apartments and multifamily dwelling units shall pay water and sewer rates or charges for water and sewer service provided by the town. Said rates and charges shall be based on a formula as follows: 90 percent (90%) of the total number of available units, regardless of the actual number of occupied and vacant units and regardless of the number of meters.

2. In the event that the single meter rate is higher than the sum of the individual rates, when the complex is using a single master meter, the higher of the two rates shall apply.

3. The Council, at its option, may permit a rate formula of not less than 45 percent (45%) of the total number of available units for a period of six (6) months for newly constructed complexes; the word complex being used interchangeably with apartments and multifamily dwellings.

17.204.7. SINGLE, DOUBLE AND TRIPLE WATER CONNECTIONS.

Each individual mobile home and/or each dwelling not attached or considered a part of the first dwelling shall be billed the minimum amount for water and sewer services rendered.

17.204.8. SERVICES SUPPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE FAMILY FROM ONE CONNECTION.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to hire, rent, lease or let in any manner, or for any purpose, any house or apartment whereby more than one family unit or operation is supplied public water by or through one meter or water connection or public sewerage service unless such person shall apply in his own name for such service and assume responsibility for such water rents and sewer fees. A unit shall mean a permanent, or mobile, dwelling or business establishment.

b. The Council is hereby authorized to waive, in writing, the requirement of a separate meter and connection. However, in such event, the owner of the premises, on which one meter is presently or may be hereafter installed and/or where two or more units make use of water or are involved and operating on the same service line, shall be charged a minimum water bill each month for each separate unit operating on the one meter or connection. For each fee thus charged, said owner shall be entitled to use the amount (in gallons) of water established as a minimum use for the minimum payment. The term service line, as used in this connection, shall mean the pipe which runs between a public water main and a customer's premises. The owner of the premises, on which two or more units are located and using the same meter and/or service line, shall be billed, and he shall be responsible for payment of the service fee and any amount in excess of the allotted quantity of water actually used.

c. Should the owner fail to pay the service fees or bills for water when due, the service may be discontinued, but no such action involving the shutting off of the water supply of an innocent consumer shall be taken without first affording the tenant of the premises the opportunity to make a new application for supply of water through a separate service line and/or meter. Where the owner of the premises desires to contract separately for water furnished, the owner shall first arrange for several house connections, or the plumbing in such a way that a separate meter and stop and waste cock, with seal approved by the town, can be placed upon the supply line of each said consumer. Thereupon, the town shall install a separate connection for each consumer making application therefor. In such cases, a separate minimum charge shall be assessed against each consumer and, in such event, this payment of a minimum fee for water service shall entitle such consumer to the use of such gallons of water during such month as is established as a minimum use for the minimum payment.

## EXTENSIONS

**17.204.9. EXTENSION OF SERVICE AND ASSESSMENTS.**

Upon written request of any property owner, the town may provide water and sewer service and levy an assessment for the costs thereof against the property of the owner requesting such service.

**17.204.10. SAME. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF REQUEST. RECORD OF ASSESSMENT.**

- a. The Town Council is hereby authorized to accept or reject requests for extensions of water and sewer service. When such requests are accepted, assessments shall be entered in a book entitled "Water and Sewer Assessments Liens" kept by the Town Clerk.
- b. The names of the owners, location of the property, the amount of the assessment and the time or times of payment shall be recorded therein.

**17.204.11. SAME. RECORD OF EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE BEYOND TOWN LIMITS.**

When water and sewer systems are extended to property beyond the town limits, the assessments shall be entered in an assessment book in the office of the Clerk of Court for Chesterfield County and the Water and Sewer Assessment Liens kept by the Town Clerk.

**17.204.12. CONNECTION REQUIRED.**

All residential, commercial and industrial buildings, wherein potable water is used, shall be connected to the town water and sewerage systems, provided such systems are available in the environs of such buildings.

**17.204.13. UTILITY SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.**

- a. All utilities of the town shall be furnished to any applicant situate within the town limits, if the requested utility service is available. If the requested service is not available at the time of the request, it shall be furnished at such time as it is available; provided, however, an applicant may obtain immediate service by paying all costs incurred in the extension of necessary facilities and conveying title to same to the town. The construction and installation of such facilities shall be under the direction and supervision of the town and subject to standards and specifications required by the town.
- b. If sanitary sewerage is not available from the town, a certificate from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), approving a septic tank for the property, shall be obtained and submitted with the request for water service to the property. (Ord. #208. 09-09-99)

- c. Service for all utilities furnished pursuant to this Section shall be charged to the customer, in accordance with the rates set forth in the applicable current rate schedule for the service furnished.

**17.204.14.SAME. OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS.**

Utility service outside the corporate limits shall be furnished, subject to the following:

- a. Any available town utility service may be furnished, upon request, to any applicant situate outside the corporate limits. To receive the requested service, the owner of the property to which service is requested shall petition to annex the property into the town, if it is not contiguous to the incorporated area of the town, but if it is not contiguous at the time, the owner shall agree to annex the property into the town at such time it may become contiguous.
- b. If the requested utility service is not available, and the area or property is annexed into the town pursuant to this Article, the entire subdivision or property desiring service must lie wholly within the town after annexation. All utility facilities within the annexed area shall be constructed at the owner's expense to provide services in the entire area annexed. All such construction shall comply with town specifications and shall be subject to supervision by the town. Title to all facilities and proper easements shall be conveyed to the town. All connection and utility charges shall be in accordance with the applicable current out-of-town rate schedule for the service furnished.
- c. If the requested utility service is not available, and the property is not contiguous to the town and cannot be annexed at the time the request for service is made, the extension of the utility services to the property shall be entirely at the owner's expense. All such facilities shall be constructed in accordance with standards and specifications of the town and under the supervision of the town. Title to same, along with all easements, shall be conveyed to the town. All connection and utility charges shall be in accordance with the applicable current out-of-town rate schedule for the service furnished.
- d. The Town reserves the right to waive any or all fees for projects if deemed for the public good or if the project is grant eligible.

**17.204.15.REIMBURSEMENT.**

In the event an owner develops an area which is annexed into the town, and the owner bears the expense of water and sewer lines and facilities and conveys them to the town, the town shall reimburse said owner one-half of the prevailing in-town connection charge, after normal charge has been paid to the town. The cost of any regular size water meter shall be borne by the town. The difference between a regular size water meter and any larger size requested, or required, shall be borne by the developer.

Supplement #20. 07-10-00

**17.204.16.CROSS-CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER SYSTEMS PROHIBITED.**  
No cross-connections with any other water systems shall be permitted.



**ORDINANCE #2006-4  
AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW SEWER WASTE  
HAULERS TO DUMP INTO OUR SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, The Town of Chesterfield has been agreed to allow sewer waste haulers to dump into our system. Now therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, SC:**

1. Section 17 of the Town Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include: 17.205.2.4 to \$50.00 per thousand gallons.
2. All ordinances or parts of this ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to extent of such inconsistency.
3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

First Reading February 9, 2006  
Second Reading March 9, 2006

Mayor: Jim H. Douglas

ATTEST: Betty Lynn Watson

Municipal Clerk

**17.205.1. WATER TO BE METERED.**

All water service shall be metered and computed, for billing purposes.

**17.205.2. WATER RATES.**

Monthly water rates, both inside and outside the town limits, shall be as follows:

	No minimum	
1. Residential – Inside	\$ xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see budget
- Outside	\$ xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see
2. Commercial/Industrial – Inside	\$ xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see budget
- Outside	\$ xxxx see annual budget	

(Ord.#21, 08-08-85; #34, 05-14-87; #75, 12-13-90; 06-10-93; #117 05-16-94; #131, 2-9-95, #188. 09-10-98, #211 1-13-00 #2001-8, #2002-9, #2003-12, #2006-13)

Supplement #16. 03-01-95, #19. 02-05-98, #20. 07-10-00 #2006-13,

**17.206. SEWER CHARGES**

**17.206.1 FAIR USER SEWER SERVICE CHARGE REQUIRED MONTHLY.**

A monthly fair user sewer charge shall be paid with the water bill.

**17.206.2 SEWER CHARGE CALCULATION. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS.**

Monthly rates for sewer service, both inside and outside the town limits, shall be based on water consumption and charged as follows:

	No Minimum	Additional Cost
Residential inside	\$xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see budget
Residential outside	\$xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see budget
Commercial/Industrial inside	\$xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see budget
Commercial/Industrial outside	\$ xxxx see annual budget	\$xxx see budget

(Ord. #13, 08-09-84, #91. 06-10-93, #117, 05-16-94, #2001-8, #2002-9, #2003-12, #2006-13)

A lease rate for the Carolinas Centre Industrial Park of \$0.20 per thousand gallons made payable to the Park Commission for energy costs of the pump stations needed to deliver sewer to the POTW.

Impact Fees: For the sewer line to the Carolinas Centre Industrial Park.

Single Family residential	\$500 per single sewer service
Multi-Family residential	\$500 per apartment or dwelling unit
Commercial	\$1,000 per 10,000 square feet of building (Minimum of \$1,000)
Industrial	\$2,000 per acre (Minimum of \$2,000)

(Ord. #2006-13)

**17.206.3 CHARGE FOR CONNECTION TO SEWERAGE SYSTEM REQUIRED. IN AND OUT OF TOWN.**

1. There is hereby imposed a charge of \$1,000.00 and out of town \$1,150.00 for the installation of a 4" connection to the sanitary sewerage system. Anything over 4" sewer tap shall be cost plus 5% for in town properties and cost plus 15% for out of town properties. (Ord. #80. 05-02-91, #188 09-10-98, #2008-14, 11-13-2008)

**17.206.4 SAME. APARTMENTS, CONDOS, MOTELS, MOIBLE HOMES, BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL USERS.**

Apartments and duplexes on one 4" connection shall be charged \$500.00 for the first single family dwelling unit plus \$80.00 for each additional unit served by the

- a. same connection. Also, the same rates shall apply to condominiums and townhouses. (Ord. #188, 09-10-98)
- b. Motels and mobile home parks using one 4" connection, respectively, shall be charged a minimum of \$500.00. (Ord. #188, 09-10-98)
- c. Business or industrial users on one connection, respectively, shall be charged a connection fee in accordance with the size of connection plus \$80.00 for each equivalent unit of flow to be discharged by the user.

**17.206.5 WHEN SEWER ONLY IS CONNECTED AND CHARGES ARE DELINQUENT.**

When no water is supplied by the town water system, but a sewer connection is made thereto and the service charge becomes delinquent, necessitating a discontinuance of service, the fee to reconnect the service shall be the same as that charged for water.

**17.305.3. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES.**

- A) When service is voluntarily requested by the customer to be disconnected and the meter is no longer to be used by that customer, the deposit, without interest, shall be returned to him, after first deducting all outstanding bills for water, sewer or garbage service. (Ord.#51. 07-13-89, #2015-6)
- B) When service is voluntarily requested by the customer to be disconnected temporarily and the meter will be reactivated by the same customer there will be a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) to disconnect the water meter and make the account inactive for water, sewer, or garbage service. (Ord. #2015-6)
- C) If the request is a temporary disconnect of water service to repair a leak, the customer can request the fees be waived if a cutoff valve is installed by the customer on the customer's side of the water meter. (Ord. #2015-6)

## ARTICLE III. DROUGHT RESPONSE

Editor's Note. The state requires each municipality to adopt an ordinance which details the actions the Town Council will take in times of drought conditions.

On October 9, 1986, the Mayor and Council adopted a model ordinance recommended by the South Carolina Water Resources Commission, numbered Ordinance #29.

Due to its length, complexity and technical nature the ordinance is not codified in this code. However, it is not rescinded and remains in full force and effect.

17.301. DROUGHT RESPONSE ORDINANCE NOT RESCINDED.

It is hereby declared by the Mayor and Council that Ordinance No. 29, adopted October 9, 1986, entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT EMERGENCY MEASURES TO CONTROL THE USE OF WATER DURING TIMES OF SEVERE WATER SHORTAGES shall not be codified due to the length, complexity and technical nature thereof, but shall remain in full force and effect as if fully set forth herein in its entirety.

(Ord. 29, 10-9-86)

(Editor's Note. On December 10, 1987, the Mayor and Council amended the Drought Response Ordinance by Ordinance No. 40, so that requests for variances should be directed to the Mayor and Council vice the South Carolina Water Resource Commission. This change was made editorially in the context of Ordinance No. 29.)