

TOWN OF CALHOUN FALLS, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED WATER, SEWER, TAP FEES, AND RELATED UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE TOWN OF CALHOUN FALLS, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCIAL STABILITY AND OPERATION OF THE TOWN'S UTILITY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Town of Calhoun Falls (the "Town") owns and operates municipal water, sewer, and sanitation systems as enterprise funds intended to be financially self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, the Town purchases wholesale water pursuant to contractual obligations and must maintain sufficient revenues to satisfy such obligations and ensure continued operation of the utility systems; and

WHEREAS, the costs of operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, and improving the Town's utility systems, including regulatory compliance and infrastructure needs, have increased substantially; and

WHEREAS, existing utility rates and charges are insufficient to meet current and projected operational expenses, contractual obligations, reserve requirements, and capital improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Calhoun Falls have reviewed the Town's current utility structure and determined that revised rates and charges are necessary to preserve the financial stability and continued operation of the Town's utility systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further find that the rates and charges established herein are reasonable, necessary, and in the best interest of the Town and its utility customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled and by authority of the laws of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES

The Town hereby adopts revised water rates, sewer rates, tap fees, miscellaneous charges, penalties, and related utility fees as set forth in **Schedule A** attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF RATES

The rates, fees, penalties, and charges established herein are intended to generate revenues sufficient to:

- pay operation and maintenance expenses of the utility systems;
 - satisfy contractual obligations for purchased water and related services;
 - fund necessary repairs, replacements, and capital improvements;
 - maintain adequate operating reserves; and
 - ensure the continued operation and financial stability of the Town's utility systems.
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SECTION 3. BILLING STRUCTURE

- (a) Water services shall be billed pursuant to the tiered rate structures established in **Schedule A**.
 - (b) Sewer services shall be billed pursuant to the rates and usage classifications established in **Schedule A**.
 - (c) All tap fees, deposits, penalties, and miscellaneous utility charges shall be imposed pursuant to **Schedule A**.
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SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

All utility bills, fees, penalties, and charges adopted pursuant to this Ordinance and **Schedule A** shall be due and payable as billed.

Failure to pay any utility bill or charge may result in:

- late penalties;
 - interruption or disconnection of utility services;
 - additional administrative fees;
 - collection actions; and
 - any other remedies authorized by applicable law.
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SECTION 5. INCORPORATION OF SCHEDULE A

Schedule A, entitled "Water, Sewer, Tap Fee, and Miscellaneous Charge Schedule," is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth in this Ordinance and shall constitute the official utility rate schedule of the Town of Calhoun Falls.

SECTION 6. CONTROLLING RATE SCHEDULE

In the event of any conflict between this Ordinance and any prior ordinance, resolution, rate sheet, fee schedule, policy, administrative practice, or utility billing procedure, the provisions of **Schedule A** shall control.

SECTION 7. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

The Town Clerk, Treasurer, Utility Clerk, and other authorized personnel are authorized and directed to implement, administer, and enforce the rates, fees, penalties, and charges established in **Schedule A**.

Minor administrative adjustments necessary for billing efficiency, implementation, or rounding may be made so long as such adjustments do not materially alter the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. UNIFORM APPLICATION

All rates, fees, penalties, and charges established in **Schedule A** shall be applied uniformly within each customer classification.

SECTION 9. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances, resolutions, rate schedules, policies, or portions thereof in conflict with this Ordinance or **Schedule A** are hereby repealed and superseded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance or **Schedule A** is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENTS

Schedule A may be amended from time to time by ordinance duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Calhoun Falls.
