ORDINANCE TO AMMEND THE <u>CODE OF THE COUNTY</u> <u>OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA</u>, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 82-537, AND 82-540 TO REVISE SEWER USER CHARGES AND FEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

(1) That The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, is amended and re-codified to read as follows:

## Sec. 82-537. - Wastewater user charge schedule.

Bills for wastewater disposal and the use of the wastewater collection system shall be rendered to residential and nonresidential users based on the following monthly rates:

(1) Fixed minimum charge. The fixed minimum charge shall be as follows:

Minimum Charge Per Month
<del>\$9.62</del> - <u>\$11.54</u>
<del>\$9.62</del> <u>\$11.54</u>
<del>\$15.15</del> <u>\$18.18</u>
<del>\$26.49</del> <u>\$31.79</u>
<del>\$42.37</del> <u>\$50.84</u>
<del>\$87.74</del> <u>\$105.29</u>
<del>\$151.25</del> <u>\$181.50</u>
<del>\$332.71</del> <u>\$399.25</u>
<del>\$586.75</del> <u>\$</u> 704.10

For uses metering wastewater flow, contracted capacity shall be used to determine equivalent water meter size for computation of minimum monthly fees.

(2) Commodity charge. For all water delivered or wastewater collected a unit charge of \$6.84 \$8.21 per 1,000 gallons shall apply.

- (3) Owner's responsibility for rental dwelling unit. Whenever wastewater service is provided to a rental dwelling which has water service provided by an individual well, the utility service will have to be kept in the name of the owner of the dwelling, and he will be responsible for the payment of the bill.
- (4) Strength charges. In accordance with the procedures defined in section 82-507, the following charges per 1,000 gallons shall be assessed against the users whose wastes exceed the strength of normal domestic wastewater. All residential users shall be assumed to be in category I:

Category Designation	Range of Strength (standard strength units)	Strength Charge ( <del>cents</del> <u>\$</u> per 1,000 gallons)
I	0—300	0.00
II	301—600	<del>8.3</del> <u>\$0.0830</u>
III	601—1,000	<del>16.5</del> - <u>\$0.1650</u>
IV	1,001—1,400	<del>26.5</del> - <u>\$0.2650</u>
V	1,401 and over	*

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to determination by the director based on actual strength units in the user's wastes.

## Sec. 82-540. - Other charges.

Under this division, meters shall be read every two months by the properly authorized personnel, and utility bills shall be prepared therefrom by the utility department and rendered by deposit in the U.S. mail no later than the 20th working day of the month after the meters are read. Such bills so rendered shall be due and payable by cash, check, charge card or money order in the office of the county treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m. of the 15th calendar day of the month following the month the bill was rendered. If not so paid, a ten percent penalty or \$10 whichever is greater shall be added thereon and the department shall mail the customer a delinquent notice. The bill may be exempted from this penalty once in a 12 month period if a good faith effort can be shown that the customer attempted to pay the bill and the customer has had no payments late in the previous 12 months. If such bill is not so paid on or before 5:00 p.m. ten days subsequent to the mailing of the notice, the utility service to such delinquent customer shall be discontinued. Any utility service discontinued under this subsection shall only be reconnected after all delinquent amounts and penalties have been paid by cash or money order along with a reconnection fee of \$40.00 \$45.00.

(2) That this ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2017 for Cycle 2 customers, and August 1, 2017 for Cycle 1 customers.