ORDINANCE TO AMMEND THE <u>CODE OF THE COUNTY</u> <u>OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA</u>, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 82-262, AND 82-265 TO REVISE WATER 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. 82-262. - Water user charge schedule.

Bills for water production and the use of the water distribution 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:

Meter Size	Minimum Charge Per Month
5/8"	\$ <del>8.27</del> - <u>\$9.10</u>
3/4"	\$ <del>8.27</del> - <u>\$9.10</u>
1"	<del>15.01</del> \$16.51
1½"	<del>28.85</del> \$31.74
2"	<del>48.22</del> \$53.04
3"	<del>103.56</del> \$113.92
4"	<del>181.03</del> \$199.13
6"	<del>402.39</del> \$442.63
8"	<del>712.30</del> \$783.53

(2) Commodity charge. For the amount of water consumed, the following rate block schedule shall apply:

Neter Size	Rate Block	Unit Charge per 1,000 gallons
	0 to < 6,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> - <u>\$2.83</u>
5/8"	6,000 gallons to < 20,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> \$3.54
	20,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> \$4.42
3/4"	0 to < 6,000 gallons	\$ <del>2.57</del> -\$2.83
	6,000 gallons to < 20,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> \$3.54
	20,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> \$4.42
1"	0 to < 8,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>\$2.83</u>
	8,000 gallons to < 25,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> \$3.54
	25,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> \$4.42
1½"	0 to < 15,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>\$2.83</u>
	15,000 gallons to < 61,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> \$3.54
	61,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> \$4.42
2"	0 to < 30,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>\$2.83</u>
	30,000 gallons to < 94,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> .\$3.54
	94,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> \$4.42
3"	0 to < 70,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>\$2.83</u>
	70,000 gallons to < 215,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> \$3.54
	215,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> \$4.42
4"	0 to < 128,000 gallons	\$ <del>2.57</del> - <u>\$2.83</u>

	128,000 gallons to < 385,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> <u>\$3.54</u>
	385,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> - <u>\$4.42</u>
6"	0 to < 289,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>\$2.83</u>
	289,000 gallons to < 867,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> <u>\$3.54</u>
	867,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> <u>\$4.42</u>
8"	0 to < 289,000 gallons	<del>\$2.57</del> <u>\$2.83</u>
	289,000 gallons to < 867,000 gallons	<del>3.22</del> \$3.54
	867,000 gallons and greater	<del>4.02</del> <u>\$4.42</u>

- (3) Responsibility of owner of rental dwelling containing more than one dwelling unit. Whenever water service is provided to a rental dwelling which has more than one dwelling unit, 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) Fire hydrant service. For temporary service by means of a hydrant meter, as provided in division 4 of this article, the applicant shall pay a permit fee and shall place a deposit with the department. The deposit shall be applied toward the applicant's bill for water use, and any excess refunded upon closing of the account.
  - a. Permit fee .....\$50.00 \$55.00
  - b. Deposit (refundable), negotiated depending on expected usage
  - c. Water charge, per 1,000 gallons ..... 12.87 \$14.16
- (5) Metered private fire protection system. Private fire protection system, metered (does not apply when domestic and fire services are master-metered):
  - a. Monthly charge: Two percent of corresponding minimum charge, as provided in subsection (1) of this section.
  - b. Commodity charge, per 1,000 gallons: See subsection (2) above.
- (6) Reserved.

## Sec. 82-265. - Other charges.

The department shall make the following charges for the respective water services to utility customers:

- (1) Turn-on water, account charge (payable in advance); new service, new account: \$20.00. \$25.00
- (2) 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 following the month the bill was rendered, and, if not so paid, a ten percent penalty or \$10.00 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 delinquent 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.

- (3) Change of meter size: cost plus ten percent.
- (4) Change service connection size, location: cost plus ten percent.
- (5) Raise or lower meter box: cost plus ten percent.
- (6) Remove obstruction with easement: cost plus ten percent.
- (7) Inspection of utility extensions, developer-installed systems: cost plus ten percent.
- (8) Repair utility line or appurtenances damaged by known person: cost plus ten percent.
  - (2) That this ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2017 for Cycle 2 customers, and August 1, 2017 for Cycle 1 customers.