

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER) ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VI, SEC. 36-180 (a) AND (c) AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SEC. 36-180 (a) AND (c) AND NEW SEC. 36-13 (d) SO AS TO ESTABLISH NEW STORMWATER UTILITY RATES AND EPSC FEES AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, Dorchester County is empowered to adopt ordinances as may appear to be necessary and proper for the security, general welfare and convenience of the public and for preserving health, peace, order and good government; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance Number 12-11, Dorchester County Council, among other things, established storm water utility rates; and

WHEREAS, County property owners and users should finance the stormwater management system to the extent they contribute to the need for the system and benefit from the system and the charges should bear a reasonable relationship to the cost of the service and every effort should be made to fairly and reasonably spread the cost of the system to all property owners and users; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the charges which property owners and users pay for the stormwater management system bear a reasonable relationship to the cost of the service and to fairly and reasonably spread the cost of the system to all property owners and users, Dorchester County Council finds that the rates established by Ordinance Number 12-11 should be increased.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by Dorchester County Council, duly assembled, that the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, is hereby amended and supplemented by adding Sec. 36-13 (d) Chapter 36, Article VI and deleting Sec. 36-180 (a) and (c), Chapter 36, Article VI and substituting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 36-180 (a) and (c), Chapter 36, Article VI, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 36-13 (d) Erosion Protection & Sediment Control (EPSC) Fee shall read as follows:

A non-refundable fee of \$100 shall be collected at the time an EPSC application is submitted and shall provide for the cost of permit review, administration and management of the permitting process.

Sec. 36-180. Stormwater Utility Rates

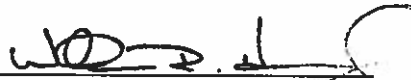
(a) The following stormwater utility rates shall apply:

- (1) For a parcel of land containing one or more single-family residential structures an annual fee of \$60.00.
 - (2) For parcels of land being used as mobile home parks, an annual fee of \$60.00 per mobile home located thereon.
 - (3) For parcels of land being used for commercial or industrial purposes, an annual fee of \$60.00 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) or any portion thereof. An ERU is defined as 3,000 square feet of impervious surface.
- (c) The rates established hereby shall be effective commencing fiscal year 2022, and thereafter unless subsequently amended.

Except as amended hereby, the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

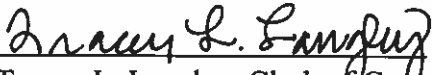
This Ordinance shall be effective upon 3rd and final reading.

Approved and adopted this 26th day of July 2021.



William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
Dorchester County Council

First Reading: June 07, 2021
Second Reading: July 12, 2021
Public Hearing: July 12, 2021
Third Reading: July 26, 2021

ATTEST:


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk of Council