

CITY OF COLUMBIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 3281

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.20.010 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ESTABLISHED SEWER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

*Andy Stapp*  
City Clerk

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia ("City Council") previously adopted Section 13.20.010 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code ("City Code"), establishing the rates and charges for sewer service; and

WHEREAS, Section 13.20.010 of the City Code previously provided that new residents were to be billed monthly based on their actual water usage, per one-thousand (1,000) gallons, until they were able to establish a three month water usage average during the meter reading months of February, March and April; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend Section 13.20.010 of the City Code to provide that new residents will be billed at two-thousand (2,000) gallons of water usage per month until said new residents are able to establish a three month water usage average during the meter reading months of February, March and April; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City, and now desires to amend Section 13.20.010 of the City Code to reflect said changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one ("1") of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** That Section 13.20.010 of the City Code shall be amended to read as follows:

**"Section 13.20.010 Rates established for use and service.**

The rates and charges for the use and service of the sanitary sewerage system of the city are established. Such charges and rates shall be made against each lot, parcel of land, or premises which may have an active sewer connection with the sanitary sewerage

system of the city, or which may otherwise discharge sewage or industrial wastewater either directly or indirectly into the sewerage system or any part thereof and shall be in the amount and for the term to be set by city ordinance from time to time.

Every user receiving city sanitary sewer services, whether located within or outside of the corporate limits of the city, shall pay a monthly user charge calculated by adding a fixed administrative charge to a hydraulic unit charge. The hydraulic unit charge for residential customers is computed by multiplying the hydraulic unit charge rate by the average monthly water usage amount (in gallons) established by averaging the water usage meter reading totals for each respective account for the months of February, March and April; once calculated, each account's average monthly water usage amount (in gallons) will be used to calculate the monthly hydraulic unit charge for that account until the following calendar year when a new average monthly water usage amount (in gallons) will be established using the water usage meter reading totals for the months of February, March and April of that year. Residents with an average water usage of less than 1,000 gallons of water/month for meter readings taken during the average water usage establishing months of February, March and April will be charged a hydraulic unit charge based on 2,000 gallons of water usage per month. New residents will be billed at 2,000 gallons of water usage per month until they are able to establish a three month water usage average during the meter reading months of February, March and April. The water usage averaging described above is for residential customers only – the monthly hydraulic unit charge for commercial and industrial customers is computed by multiplying the hydraulic unit charge rate by each respective business's actual water usage (in gallons) for that month.

The fixed administrative charge and the hydraulic unit charge shall be in the amount and for the term to be set by city ordinance from time to time. A separate fixed administrative charge shall be assessed for each business operated within a commercial building or property, each room designated for lodging within a hotel or motel, and each domiciliary unit located within a unit or property designed to provide institutional or group type housing (including nursing homes, shelter care facilities, and retirement homes.)”

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect after passage and approval by the Corporate Authorities.

YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Reis, Holtkamp and

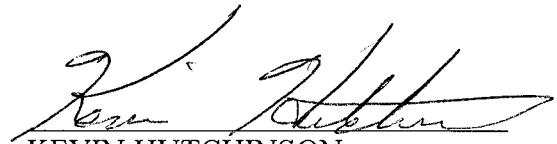
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NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Hutch.

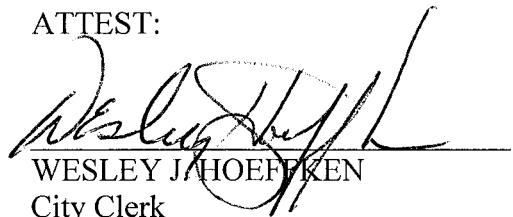
ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of September, 2016.



KEVIN HUTCHINSON  
Mayor  
City of Columbia

ATTEST:



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN  
City Clerk  
City of Columbia