ORDINANCE NO. (2009) 1607

Board of Aldermen
Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
Date: June 25, 2009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, doth ordain:

1. That Sec. 50.080, subsection (C) of the code of ordinances, Town of Wrightsville Beach, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 50.080 – SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION CHARGES; USAGE RATES.

(C) (1) The following fees are hereby established by the Board of Aldermen:

ESSENTIAL WATER & SEWER FEES							
Meter Size	Water Tap Fee	WATER Utility System Impact Fee	Sewer Tap Size	Sewer Tap Fee	SEWER Utility System Impact Fee	WATER Fixed Monthly System Maintenance Charge	SEWER Fixed Monthly System Maintenance Charge
3/4" x 5/8"	The greater of $550 or Actual Cost + 15%	$ 2,400	4"	The greater of $1,000 or Actual Cost + 15%	$ 2,500	$ 7	$ 17
1"	The greater of $700 or Actual Cost + 15%	2,400	4"	The greater of $1,000 or Actual Cost + 15%	2,500	7	17
1-1/2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	8,240	4"	The greater of $1,000 or Actual Cost + 15%	2,500	32	57
2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	14,645	6"	The greater of $1,000 or Actual Cost + 15%	4,500	80	125
3"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	30,205	6"	The greater of $1,000 or Actual Cost + 15%	4,500	136	211
4"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	50,345	8"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	25,635	296	480
6"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	146,460	8"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	25,635	488	770

NON-ESSENTIAL WATER FEES							
Meter Size	Water Tap Fee	WATER System Impact Fee	Sewer Tap Size	Sewer Tap Fee	SEWER System Impact Fee	WATER Fixed Monthly System Maint. Charge	SEWER Fixed Monthly System Maint. Charge
3/4" x 5/8"	The greater of $550 or Actual Cost + 15%	$ 2,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	$ 7	N/A
1"	The greater of $700 or Actual Cost + 15%	2,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	N/A
1-1/2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	8,240	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	N/A
2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	14,645	N/A	N/A	N/A	80	N/A

(2) Areas within the municipal boundaries of the Town which lie west of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway are provided wastewater collection and treatment service through a system owned and operated by Cape Fear Public Utility Authority. In these areas the following fees shall apply, and are hereby established by the Board of Aldermen:

ESSENTIAL WATER FEES – MAINLAND						
Meter Size	Water Tap Fee	Sewer Tap Size	Sewer Tap Fee	WATER Utility System Impact Fee	WATER Fixed Monthly System Maint. Charge	SEWER Fixed Monthly System Maint. Charge
3/4" x 5/8"	The greater of $550 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	$ 2,400	$ 7	N/A
1"	The greater of $700 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	2,400	7	N/A
1-1/2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	8,240	32	N/A
2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	14,645	80	N/A
3"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	30,205	136	N/A
4"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	50,345	296	N/A
6"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual	N/A	N/A	146,460	488	N/A

	Cost + 15%					

NON-ESSENTIAL WATER FEES – MAINLAND						
3/4" x 5/8"	The greater of $550 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	$ 2,400	$7	N/A
1"	The greater of $700 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	2,400	7	N/A
1-1/2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	8,240	32	N/A
2"	The greater of $2,200 or Actual Cost + 15%	N/A	N/A	14,645	80	N/A

(3) A utility system impact fee for water taps for piers and irrigation systems which shall not be connected to the Town's wastewater system shall be charged as specified in Section 50.080 (1) and (2) above.

(4) In order to equitably distribute the cost of water and sewer service among all residents, it is the policy of the Town to charge system maintenance charges for water and sewer service to customers who temporarily discontinue water and sewer service. Therefore, fees shall be charged as follows in the event water and sewer service is discontinued at the request of a customer:

(a) Water and sewer during the entire time service is discontinued shall be charged fees only as specified in Section 50.082.

(b) Customers who do not pay the system maintenance charges for water and sewer during any time service is discontinued shall be charged a disconnect fee as specified in Section 50.082. Such customers shall also pay the then existing Utility System Impact Fee at the time service is restored.

(c) <u>Water and Sewer Usage Charges</u>

Water – Essential	$ 1.01 per 100 cubic feet;
Water – Non-essential	$ 2.40 per 100 cubic feet;
Sewer	$ 2.65 per 100 cubic feet;
Jetting Pilings	$25.00 per piling
Bulk Water	$ 2.40 per 100 cubic feet with a minimum charge of $25.00

(5) Water usage charges for customers outside the Town limits shall be double the charges set forth above.

(6) Billing charges shall be based on metered water usage at the established water rate, sewer usage (based on 100% of water use) at the established rate, water system maintenance charge and sewer system maintenance charge.

(7) Special Charges: Meter testing - $25 if meter is found to be within AWWA standards.

(8) Tap fees (based upon meter, or user, connection size) for taps 2" and larger, water or sewer, may include actual construction costs, permitting costs and engineering costs plus a 15% additional charge. However, for taps 2" and larger, water or sewer, owner/developer may choose to have the tap(s) installed privately only if such work meets the requirements and specifications of the Town of Wrightsville Beach and other agencies as may be involved. No water line smaller than 2" will be run under any designated street within the limits of the Town.

(9) Minimum commercial sewer tap size is 6".

(10) Tap upgrade installations shall be the actual cost of the change plus the difference between impact fees.

(11) Tap installation planning cycle: The Town requires a minimum of three (3) weeks from the receipt of an order for installation until completion. However, for taps that may involve engineering, permitting or other agencies, the time to completion may be considerably longer.

(12) All persons, firms, or corporations which construct buildings for which building permits are issued after July 1, 2009, and such buildings are sprinkled or contain standpipe systems where sprinkler or standpipe systems are connected to the utility system shall not be charged a utility system impact fee.

(13) All persons, firms, or corporations which construct buildings for which building permits are issued after July 1, 2009, and such buildings are sprinkled or contain standpipe systems where sprinkler or standpipe systems are not otherwise required by the North Carolina State Building Code, shall receive credit toward the utility system tap fee. Such credit shall be $5,000.

2. If this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given separate effect and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

3. Any ordinance or any part of the ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, is hereby repealed.

4. This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

This Ordinance adopted this 25th day of June, 2009 to be effective June 15, 2009.

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Stephen K. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Sylvia J. Holleman, Town Clerk

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Town Attorney