



AGENDA

LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL

WORKING SESSION

February 4th, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Rosewood Center

419 E Main St. Liberty, SC 29657

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- **Chapter 53, Article II, Section 53-38:** Water billing amendments.
- **Capital Improvement Plan:** Initial discussions.

If you reside in Liberty city limits and wish to speak at the next regular session on February 10th, 2025, please notify Bailee Locke at blocke@libertysc.com or by phone at **864-843-3177 (option 9)**. Please leave a detailed message with your full name, address, callback number, and topic of discussion. All information must be provided by **4:30 PM on Friday, February 7th, 2025**. (Chapter 2-Article II- Sec. 2-42)

ARTICLE II. - RATES AND CHARGES

Sec. 53-31. - Establishment of rates.

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(Code 1979, § 4-A-201)

Sec. 53-32. - Water rates.

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(Code 1979, § 4-A-202)

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Sec. 53-34. - Failure to pay fee or charges.

The city council may authorize the discontinuation of service to any premises for failure to pay water or sewer charges at the time such charges are due and payable, as set out in this chapter. Service shall be reinstated only in accordance with the rules and regulations as established by the city council.

(Code 1979, § 4-A-204)

Sec. 53-35. - Water connection fees and deposit.

- (a) In addition to the standard water connection fee of \$25.00 per metered customer, a security deposit of \$50.00 shall be required of tenants/renters.
- (b) Whenever service is discontinued, such security deposit, without interest, shall be returned to the depositor, after first deducting all outstanding bills for water and sewer service.

(Ord. No. 96-0202, § 4-A-205, 3-11-1996)

Sec. 53-36. - Sewer connection fees.

For each new sewer connection to the system, the city resident or firm applying for sewer service shall pay as a tap-on or cut-in fee in the amount as established by council.

(Code 1979, § 4-A-206)

Sec. 53-37. - Water and sewer billing; no service furnished free.

- (a) All meters shall be read once a month and each monthly bill shall become due and payable in its entirety on the tenth day of each month. These bills shall include, as part of the water bill due and payable, the monthly sewer service charge which is to be added thereto and to be collected as a part thereof.
- (b) No water or sewer disposal service shall be furnished or rendered for free of charge to any person, firm, or corporation. If the monthly bill is not paid within ten days after the due date, a penalty, as established by the council, shall be added, and if any bill shall remain unpaid by the tenth day of the following month, all services to such user shall forthwith be discontinued according to the procedures and guidelines established by council and shall remain disconnected until such user shall have paid his past due bill and the charge for reconnection.

(Code 1979, § 4-A-207)

Sec. 53-38. - Sewer and water reconnection fees.

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Secs. 53-39—53-50. - Reserved.

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Needs to be based on city operation budget

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*- \$35 connection fee - ONLY for owners
- \$135 connection fee for renters.*

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*Penalty - last day of month
disconnect - 15th or following month*

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